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Pensioner is crippled for life after man crashes his van into her

A PENSIONER has been crippled for life, after her son-in-law crashed his van into her, ***writes AJ SICLUNA.***

Pauline Crabtree was trapped against a wall, which then collapsed on her, said prosecutor Ieuan Morris at Cardiff Crown Court.

James Mechan (42) of Church Road, Barry, admitted a charge of dangerous driving.

He was jailed for a year, and disqualified from driving for three years.

Said Judge Niclas Parry: "You were a ticking bomb, a disaster waiting to happen. I have no doubt you were not fit to drive."

He said that if he had killed Mrs Crabtree, he would have gone to prison for six or seven years.

"What happened was almost inevitable," said the Judge.

Mr Morris said that at the time, Mechan was driving a transit van, when he should not have been on the road. He suffered from a medical condition which made him unfit to drive. He should have disclosed this to the DVLA.

Mrs Crabtree had serious injuries, including two fractured legs.She also had to undergo a bone graft.

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Local firefighters' Help Lanka fundraiser

Picture by ANDY WICKS

ABOVE: Barry firefighters held a car wash fundraiser on Saturday for 'Help Lanka', which supports the children of Sri Lanka.

Wardens are 'too ruthless' in town centre

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Barry businessman claims over-zealous traffic wardens are having a detrimental effect on trade in the town centre.

The Vale Council recently reintroduced wardens, but Ferda Ulug, who owns La Cucina, said they had to be managed properly and were deterring people from visiting Holton Road.

He told The GEM: "They're ruthless. A disabled woman went into Greggs and within seconds got a ticket.

"I had one myself because I used my car in a loading bay, rather than a lorry. My business isn't big enough to justify a lorry!"

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ISLAND ROAD: *progress needed*

THE many letters over the massive congestion recently on, and to, Barry Island, with gridlock extending many miles to the outskirts of Barry, remind me that when I first moved to live on Barry Island in 1977, there *was* an alternative route, other than the causeway, onto the Island.

This was through the docks themselves, and up Battery Hill (now Dock Road) onto Redbrink Crescent, where I lived until 2007.

At that time, it was possible to drive through the then busy docklands (Geest boats; ammunition ships and the odd submarine notwithstanding) from the Cadoxton entrance onto the Island.

I did this for many years, as did other residents, even on busy bank holidays, or November 5th (Bonfire night) when the same congestion always occurred, and still does.

Then ABP decided to terminate this alternative route – even blocking the steps and pathway onto Clive Road, until a successful residents' campaign had the right of access restored.

Successive administrations on the council have promised action, but *nothing* has been done. The Island residents, of whom I am not now one, have the right to be furious, as do the owners of businesses on the Island, who undoubtedly lose trade as a result of this chaos.

The 'blame game' and shifting of responsibility is nothing new.

Like the Euro-crisis, the politicians have no real answer, other than hand-wringing and promises of action.

Forget the promises, bang heads, and let's have PROGRESS on a second road.

Christopher Short
Barry

Readers' Letters

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THE REAL VICTIMS OF THE 'BEDROOM TAX'

EVERY day people in the Vale are suffering as a result of the UK Government's dismantling of the welfare state.

This cabinet of millionaires has chosen to target those people who are least able to fight back.

Those most affected by changes to welfare payments are not the scroungers portrayed by the Murdoch press. The people who are losing money are the terminally ill, children, workers on low wages, the learning disabled and those at a crisis point as a result of homelessness or domestic abuse.

Research commissioned by the Financial Times has shown that in the Vale of Glamorgan alone, 3,300 households will be affected by the 'bedroom tax', leading to increased risk of homelessness and debt.

A further 16,000 families in the Vale will lose some child benefit, and 8,500 will lose tax credits.

Some will be affected by more than one of these changes, and by others such as the abolition of Disability Living Allowance.

If you are one of these people, you may be interested to know that our MP is a strong supporter of Mr Duncan Smith's reforms, having voted with the Government at every stage of the passage of the welfare reform legislation.

Constituents include people who have to choose between heating and eating, and those who have to queue for food parcels to feed hungry children and babies.

S Bowyer,
Barry.

VALE HEALTH PROPOSALS: *views are sought*

LOCAL residents will, hopefully, be aware of plans to reorganise and downgrade key health services – A&E, neonatal, obstetrics and paediatrics.

The proposals are currently being put to wider public consultation as the 'south Wales programme.'

The consultation process has been launched by south Wales' local health boards and will reconfigure health service provision across the region. I cannot stress enough how important it is that local residents get involved in this discussion and make sure that their concerns are heard.

Whilst there is a legitimate political argument over whether any downgrading should be taking place at all, these proposals are now on the table and we must take our chance to influence the outcome, because these plans will represent service provision for a generation or more.

Whether you are a Vale resident – concerned that the future of the Princess of Wales A&E unit is up in the air – or from the Valleys and anxious about the fate of the Royal Glamorgan's unit, the message is the same: have your say.

In fact, this applies equally to everyone in south Wales, wherever you live. Reducing the number of centres offering specialist treatment will place huge pressure on those who retain the service, could cause confusion and, ultimately, lead to patients having to travel further to receive care.

These proposals will radically change the provision of A&E and critical care in many communities. That's why I have approached a number of local community and parish councils (as well as other voluntary and community groups) to offer my assistance, and I look forward to taking forward the views of my constituents, many of whom have already been in touch to express their anger at these plans.

The Welsh Government has abjectly failed to commit to developing community healthcare and improving ambulance response times and it is against this backdrop that these proposals must be considered.

That they are on the table at all is an indictment of the damage that Labour are doing to the NHS in Wales; failing to recruit and retain enough clinicians to maintain these vital services and cutting £800 million from the budget over five years (the only country in the UK to do so).

If you would like me to raise concerns on your behalf, or if you wish to receive a copy of the consultation papers, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Andrew RT Davies AM,
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, South Wales Central Region.

Toll to pay for a new road?

AS an ex-Barry Island boy, whose family still live there, I feel I am probably slightly more qualified than some to comment on the traffic problems on the approaches to the Island.

Historically, most people in the early to mid-70s arrived by coach or train. In the early to mid-80s, the traffic changed to more cars than coaches.

During this time, the docks were still in use, and thus the road across the docks were in use by tankers, and also locals from the Vale that knew of the dock hill.

The dock hill road is still there. The road to the pump house roundabout is still there. It probably needs a bit of TLC to put right – but this would be little cost compared to a new road.

May I suggest a temporary solution to the holiday problem?

Why doesn't the council, in co-operation with ABP or whoever currently has legal jurisdiction of the dock road, allow access to the Island to indigenous Islanders and emergency services?

As for cost, open the road only to residents, using barriers to stop vehicles approaching the road and install a toll – not a stupid amount of money, just enough to cover costs.

I expect a plethora of arguments both for and against.

But at least it is a possible solution to an issue that all other parties seem to have an egotistical problem to resolve.

Colin Ensor,
Barry.

Relief road: no *magical cure, but it's vital to Island*

I WRITE in response to Alan Jones in last week's GEM, who accused me of 'spouting the same old adage' regarding our safety concerns over the lack of an alternative route to Barry Island.

I have lived on Barry Island for 65 years, and can remember many incidents and emergencies that required 'immediate attention' – a light aircraft crashing over the cliff onto Jackson's Bay; a murder; a firearm incident; several fires; road traffic accidents blocking the Causeway twice in a week; serious fights and countless medical emergencies requiring ambulances that could not always get access.

How optimistic and how arrogant to assume such incidents will never occur at peak times again!

On Barry Island we have a large population, including a new housing estate. There is a school, a big old people's home, several beaches, cliffs, the sea and fairground and railway station.

We have many visitors and cars, and now with the regeneration, lots of new events are planned.

Unfortunately, accidents and emergencies DO happen.

My worry is that where we once had an alternative route over the Docks via Battery Hill in the event of an emergency – now we have none.

We Islanders have been very patient for years. We were promised that the road would go ahead as part of the Dock's development, but have been continuously fobbed off.

Our patience is now wearing very thin. We are tired of being late going to and from work, or being unable to access our homes.

I do not pretend, and have never stated, that the relief road will provide a magical solution to all the traffic problems of Barry and beyond. That is not the issue.

The relief road is essential to the Island and a necessity for the regeneration programme and Docks development.

Beverley Mackintosh,
Barry Island.

MPs pay rises are a disgrace

ONCE again, the politicians have shown utter contempt for the people of this country.

First Minister Carwyn Jones spent £50 million of our money on a defunct airport; Cardiff Council are spending over £1 million in salaries on managers because they can't do their jobs properly.

Now we find that our wonderfully incompetent MPs in Westminster are to be given a 15 per cent pay rise – also a bigger rise of around 25 per cent has been mentioned.

Just what planet are these people on? They are certainly not on planet Earth 2013.

Haven't they seen the destruction they have caused outside Westminster?

People are losing jobs, pensioners are struggling to heat their homes, and over 350,000 people are relying on food banks to feed their families.

This doesn't include all the families who are losing benefits and pensions, and this shameful lot can give themselves this massive pay rise.

What a slap in the face for the hard working people of this country. You can certainly bet that if they are given this rise, the hot air bags in the Senedd will want the same.

The people must show our contempt for this and rise up – and tell David Cameron that we have had enough.

It is sickening to note that my grandson, who has learning difficulties, has had his benefit stopped.

Now we know why – it's to pay for these disgusting pay rises.

DJ Radford,
Barry.

TASTY PRIZE

I RECENTLY used my GEM prize voucher to eat at The Highwayman, Rhoose and we really enjoyed our meal. The food was of an excellent quality and very well presented. Thank you.
J Harding

Diabetes handbook

IT is estimated that as many as 40 per cent of people in residential care have diabetes and this group of people, and the people providing their care, face particular difficulties.

Residential care homes, through no fault of their own, are underfunded, have high staff turnovers and have very little access to the training needed to manage diabetes.

The result of this is that if someone has a low or high blood sugar, very often the carer's first reaction is to call 999, which results in an unnecessary hospital admission.

The Independent Diabetes Trust charity has introduced a Passport for Diabetes in Care settings, which tells carers what to do if problems arise.

The passports can be obtained by contacting IDDT, telephone 01604 622837, email martin@iddtinternational.org or by writing to IDDT, Po Box 294, Northampton NN1 4XS.

Martin Hirst
InDependent Diabetes Trust (IDDT)

'Thank you from the Cubs'

AS always, Cowbridge Cubs have been really busy lately having fun – but also learning about the planet and their role in the community.

The Cubs would like to thank Cowbridge Fire Brigade for a very informative tour around the station; Gordon at the New Hope charity shop, Llantwit Major, for giving us an inspiring talk about the valuable work they do in Nicaragua; Llwynhelig Farm for showing us how they make compost (they even took us all to see the cows and let the boys sit on the tractor); Ann at Owls 4 You, for bringing three beautiful owls to see us; and the Physic Garden for showing us around the gardens.

We have also been busy picking up rubbish and raising money for comic relief. So it's been a busy year so far, and there's lots more to look forward to.

Richard Watson,
Cowbridge Cubs.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
30 Thur	11.08	9.1	23.33	9.3
31 Fri			12.04	8.7
01 Sat	00.33	8.9	13.07	8.3
02 Sun	01.37	8.5	14.14	8.2
03 Mon	02.45	8.4	15.17	8.2
04 Tues	03.51	8.3	16.22	8.4
05 Wed	04.49	8.4	17.17	8.5
06 Thur	05.32	8.6	18.03	8.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Mystery massacre of couple's 100-year-old copper beech tree

'SOMEONE TRESPASSED WITHOUT CONSENT'

AN elderly Barry couple were horrified to discover that someone had entered their garden on Saturday afternoon, May 18, with a chainsaw and lopped branches off a 100-year-old copper beech tree, *writes TIM CHAPMAN*.

The wife told The GEM: "When I saw what had happened, I was stunned!"

The couple, in their late seventies and in poor health, live in a lane off the Port Road and don't wish to be named, but wanted to emphasise the anger they felt about the episode.

The elderly woman explained: "At about 3.30pm on Saturday afternoon, I went into Barry to do some shopping.

"When I returned home at just before 5.30pm, I drove in and saw the branches on the ground.

"When I saw what had happened, I was stunned.

"At first I couldn't work out what had happened."

The woman rushed indoors to find out whether her 78-year-old husband knew anything, but he had been watching television and didn't realise what had happened.

The couple reported the incident to the police who visited them and have launched an investigation.

The woman said: "It was a beautiful tree, a 100-year-old copper beech. It won't grow back in our lifetime. Whoever did this, trespassed without consent. I didn't sleep on Saturday night."

Her husband said: "A tree like that should be treasured."

The GEM understands that neighbours have been helpful in providing information, including the fact that a chainsaw was used.

Police in Barry confirmed they were investigating an incident which occurred at the rear garden of a house, in which branches were cut from a copper beech tree.

The copper beech tree with its branches cut off.

Drama as lifeboat saves drowning swimmer at Barry

A dramatic rescue took place at Whitmore Bay on May 23 when a woman, who was in serious danger of drowning, was hauled out of water by the crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat.

The woman had been enjoying the sun on Barry Island beach with friends when she decided to go for a swim.

Unfortunately, the wind and tide pulled her offshore and she was unable to get back to the beach.

One GEM reader said: "She was clearly in difficulty and my wife used the phone at Marco's Cafe and called the Coastguard.

"We understand another call had already been made by another concerned observer.

"The woman was in the water for at least 20 minutes.

"The Barry Dock lifeboat then arrived and lifted the woman out of the water."

She was taken to shore, where and ambulance and police personnel were on hand. She was treated for hypothermia and shock.

Senior RNLI volunteer crew member, Dave Phillips, said: "Thanks to a member of the public calling 999, and asking for the Coastguard, we were able to launch to this swimmer in time to save her life.

"This is a timely reminder that you should only swim on a lifeguarded beach."

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. To find out more about their vital work, the public is welcome to visit the station open day on June 29, from 10am-4pm.

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BARRY CHORISTERS SAY 'CHEESE' ON TOUR!

WITH applause still ringing in their ears – and a coach heavily laden with Gouda cheese – choristers, family and friends of Barry Male Voice Choir are pictured on their journey home recently after a highly successful concert tour to Gouda in the Netherlands.

The choir is now preparing for its 111th annual concert on June 14 in St Helen's RC Church, Barry at 7pm.

The concert will also feature talented local soloists Tim Reynolds and Jodi Bird.

TRAFFIC WARDENS SHOULD 'EXERCISE DISCRETION'

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La Cucina is on Holton Road, just opposite the junction with Thompson Street.

Ferda insisted: "We don't have a traffic problem here. Sometimes as a local businessman you think it's just an uphill battle."

He said he had sympathy for residents in nearby streets who endured the inconvenience of people parking in front of their houses, but said that in commercial areas wardens should exercise discretion.

Holton Road has parking bays which have loading from 6am to 12 noon, but Ferda believes that members of the public should be allowed to use them from 10am.

He said: "I pay my rates for a service but have problems with with mess outside – today there was blood outside the café – and uneven pavements.

"Why haven't we got red boxes for dogs' mess?

"The idea was to create a café culture, but if people get tickets it will put them off."

Ferda has run businesses in Barry for 10 years, but said he sometimes felt that "the last person out of Barry should switch off the lights".

The GEM put some of the points made by Ferda to the Vale Council.

Andrew Loosemore, the operational manager for highways and engineering at the Vale Council, said traffic wardens do operate on the basis of discretion, but that loading bays are designated for the loading and unloading of goods and do not permit cars to be parked during the specified times.

"To allow the bays to be utilised for general parking at all times would remove the opportunities for businesses to receive deliveries and this is something the traffic wardens have received praise for from many local shop owners.

"Certain bays are then available after the specified time for general parking – and loading and unloading.

"However, motorists should check the individual signs at each location for the restrictions.

"With regard to the disabled person receiving a ticket, it is a necessity to display a Blue Badge if you are a disabled driver, and we can only assume no badge was displayed.

"There are dedicated disabled bays available for parking in the vicinity.

"Any matters of general cleansing and pavement maintenance will be addressed through normal operations or upon a report from a member of the public."

Colin Smith, the works manager for waste management and cleansing, explained that the council does not provide separate bins for dog waste in commercial areas.

"The normal litter bins that are evenly spaced along Holton Road can be used for depositing general litter as well as dog waste.

"Our general waste bins have multi-purpose use so that it is convenient for our residents and visitors to responsibly dispose of their waste," Mr Smith added.

Pensioner crippled

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Since the incident, she cannot sleep properly, is in constant pain and cannot run, jump or kneel.

The collision, said Mr Morris occurred in Bridgend Road, Barry, at about 11.45am on June 23.

Mechan mounted the kerb, pinning Mrs Crabtree against a wall which collapsed on her.

Six months before, he had gone to his GP and was diagnosed with a form of epilepsy. He was advised not to climb ladders and he wrongly indicated to the doctor that he was not a driver.

At the time, Pauline Crabtree was returning home for lunch, and was yards from her house when the van suddenly appeared.

After the incident, Mechan drove off and parked. He walked up to the scene and said: "What's happened here, then?"

When the police arrived, he said he had been experiencing blackouts.

He later maintained he didn't know he had a medical condition. In addition to the bone grafts, said Mr Morris, the injured woman had metal plates inserted in the injuries.

While she was in hospital, Mechan telephoned her and said he didn't know how he hit her.

He was said to have previous convictions for driving with excess alcohol and driving while disqualified.

His barrister, Andrew Taylor, said: "He has not driven since the incident. It was a very unfortunate case of dangerous driving."

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Bluebirds heading for the Vale?

THE Vale Council is in negotiations with Cardiff City over plans to bring the Bluebirds' new training academy to the Vale.

The council is considering making 37 acres of land near Hensol available for the project.

Last week, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, brought a report to the cabinet of the council, to "seek authority to enter into an agreement for lease and thereafter a 150 year lease with Cardiff City Football Club of approximately 37 acres of land at Tynyplancau, Hensol, to enable them to develop the land as training pitches, professional squad and academy buildings".

Cabinet members were told that the club has been looking at various sites in Cardiff and the Vale for a number of months and, following a short-listing of sites and confirmation of promotion to the Premier League, have concluded that the preferred option is to locate training facilities at the council-owned site at Tynyplancau, Hensol.

The training facilities will need to be designed and constructed to the required FA and Premier League standards.

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson told The GEM: "Working alongside local sports clubs should be beneficial, and the investment in the Vale must be welcomed.

"However, there will be a number of issues that will have to be ironed out before planning permission can be given."

Coun Johnson said he thought the length of the lease was a surprise: "A 150-year lease must be absolutely water-tight, as no-one ever really knows what the future might hold for a football club not owned by the supporters.

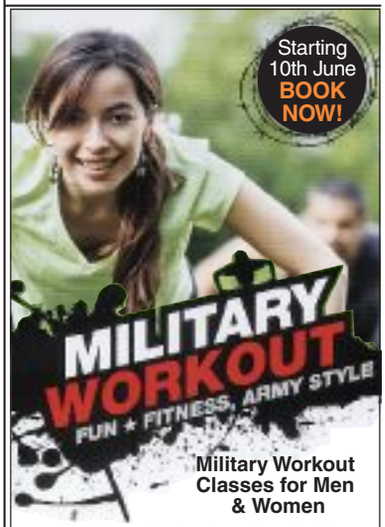
"The final contract must get a good deal for the Vale, local residents and Cardiff City."

(See Vale Council leader's column on page 18)

FRACKING

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 4, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Fracking' will be the main item on the agenda and the need to organise opposition groups from Bonvilston to Llantwit Major.



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All the fun of the Forum in Barry

WITH many stalls and workshops – including one about how to make an animated film – the Vale's 50+ Forum had a great turn-out at Sully Old School Hall.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale, met Vale Forum members and volunteers running the stalls, including the Vale Festival of Adult Learning, Valeways, Cardiff and Vale Age Concern.

"It was great to see so many stalls and workshops organised by the Forum on a lovely sunny day, promoting many messages about healthy living in our community," she reported. She is pictured (above) with members of the Vale 50+ forum.

'New Adventure' for Vale bus services

A THREATENED rural bus service has been saved by a partnership between the Vale Council and local bus operator, New Adventure Travel.

The council and the operator have arranged a new Bus Service 303, which will replace Bus Service 145, and will generally operate hourly, Mondays to Saturdays, from Bridgend via Ogmore by Sea, Southerndown, Wick and St Donat's to Llantwit Major.

The new 303 Service will commence on Monday, June 10.

On Sundays, from June 16, Bus Service 303 (replacing current Bus Services 145 and X5) will operate two hourly from Bridgend via Ogmore by Sea, Southerndown, Wick, St Donat's, Llantwit Major, St Athan and Rhoose through to Barry, and then continues to Cardiff as Service 304.

From Saturday, July 20, New Adventure Travel plan to extend Bus Service 303 commercially from Llantwit Major through to Barry and offer a more regular, easier to understand timetable than the current commercial Bus Service X45. Further details on this extension will be released shortly.

New Adventure Travel can be contacted by telephoning 02920 442 040.

Coun Lis Burnett said: "I am delighted that we have been able to work with New Adventure Travel to secure the future of these important Vale local bus services and would ask people to use the services as much as they can in order that they can retained for the foreseeable future."

All bus timetables can be found on the council's website at: http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/living/transportation/public_transport/bus_timetables.aspx

Cycleway link is opened

A SHARED footpath and cycleway connecting the Penarth Heights housing development to Terra Nova Way has been completed.

As well as providing a link between Penarth Heights and Terra Nova Way, it offers a safe off road link between Penarth town centre and Penarth Marina, with onward connections to Cardiff Bay across the barrage or Pont-y-Werin.

The scheme is part of a network of routes in Penarth and provides a direct connection from the town to Pont y Werin.

The link follows work already undertaken within other areas of Penarth, at the Marina, on Arcot Street, Paget Road and the Dingle.

The Vale cabinet member for planning and transportation, Coun Lis Burnett, said: "Working in partnership has allowed us to complete this link sooner than expected and demonstrate a firm commitment to walking and cycling.

"It also demonstrates what can be achieved at a time of austerity by working together."

Vinny Mott, Sustrans senior project manager, said: "We're delighted that this path is now open, making it really easy to walk or cycle between the town centre and the marina – and into the heart of Cardiff – without having to climb a steep hill or take a busy road. And it looks great – a real dramatic feature with fantastic views."

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Motion Control continues record of dance success

Joint winners ERA and Interlock in the junior crew at IDO Welsh championships.

BARRY'S young dancers took part in a variety of Street Dance competitions recently and achieved great results.

Thirteen dancers aged eight to 23 from Motion Control Dance took part in the IDO Welsh Championships in Port Talbot and the WDO Street Slam in Llantrisant, competing in the solo, duo and crew divisions against many other dance schools from across Wales.

At the IDO Championships, Callum Osborne took first place in the adult solo in February, where his ChainFam crew 'Alphalock' won adults team, with 'Outerlock' winning the children's team, Lloyd Williams achieved third place in the children's solo, and the junior crew ERA achieved joint first place alongside Welsh champions 'Interlock'.

All these dancers have qualified to represent Wales in Copenhagen, Denmark in October this year.

Fundraising has begun for these dancers to enable them to afford to attend this prestigious hip hop competition.

The experience was very positive for the young people as they all performed to a very high standard, made new friendships and have a chance of a lifetime to dance for their country.

The young dance crew ERA consisting of Kia Harcourt (12), Keyleigh Borge (15), Billie James Cayton (14), Harriet Knowles (14) and Ryan Hodge (13) also smashed the under-16 team section on Sunday, May 19 at the WDO StreetSlam competition with their outstanding performance that was choreographed by our new dance teacher Olivia Shouler.

ERA dance crew will be performing at the VVB event on King Square on Saturday, June 8, along with other dancers from our youth dance programme if you would like to come and support their achievements.

Fifteen young girls from Bryn Hafren who attend the 5x60 club had a great chance to perform their at the Show Racism the Red Card Event in Cardiff at the start of the month. Congratulations to these girls which for some, was their debut performance.

Motion Control Dance would like to congratulate the 14 young people who have completed their Sports Leaders UK Dance Leader's Awards.

Motion Control Dance is also celebrating the launch of StreetFit classes, coming soon to the Vale after Emma Mallam successfully achieved her licence to deliver these new funky, fitness dance classes to both adults and children.

For more information of the dance projects that Motion Control Dance Programme offer, please contact me on 01446 733622.

Emma Mallam

GLADSTONE GIRLS IN RACE FOR LIFE

LAST year, a number of staff at Gladstone Primary School, Barry, participated in the Race for Life in Cardiff, raising a staggering £1,125 for Cancer Research UK.

Unfortunately, too many of the Gladstone staff have either experienced this terrible disease first hand, or have seen loved ones suffer. As a result, they are entering again this year and hope to beat last year's total, *a school spokesperson reports.*

On Sunday, June 23, 19 members of staff will complete the 5km course, in memory of much-loved Gladstone parents Torleen Ring and Tracey Caldwell.

If you wish to support the Gladstone Girls, you can do so either by going online and sponsoring them via their web page www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/gladstonegirlsbarry,.

Or send money directly to the school office. All support will be greatly welcomed.

ABOVE:
Gladstone members of staff limber up for the Race for Life.

Putting nature to the maths test...

RECENTLY, 10 Year-7 students at Barry Comprehensive attended Dow Corning's nature centre for a maths mentoring day.

The boys had the opportunity to go outside in the nature area, and interact with some unique habitats and apply some of the maths skills they have been taught in school.

The trip gave them hands on experience of how maths can be applied in practical ways to 'real world' problems, in a fun and interesting way.

Throughout the day, the group identified and surveyed different types of vegetation, caught and recorded pond life and used their knowledge of perimeter to compare different objects around the site.

The boys worked really well throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Both Mr Davies and Mrs Insley were extremely pleased with the attitude demonstrated by all throughout the trip. **AC**

Ethan and Hayden identifying pond life.

Persimmon meets residents over 'White Farm' concerns

ON May 23, a public meeting was held for local residents to raise their concerns with the developers of the White Farm site, Persimmon Homes.

The meeting was organised by local Labour councillors for the Dyfan and Gibbonsdown wards Claire Curtis, Anthony Powell, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson.

Around 50 residents turned up to question the management team from Persimmon Homes and their associates along with representatives from the contractors Gerald Davies, who are currently carrying out the landscaping of the land to create the open space scheme agreed as part of the planning permission.

The meeting was also attended by Paul Swain, agency engineer with responsibility for the project from the Vale Council.

The meeting began with a presentation from Persimmon Homes on the open space scheme including the replanting of the hedgerows, the tree planting programme, the creation of a pond and the flood defences that will be put in place.

Coun Rob Curtis then launched the White Farm Conservation Group which is a new voluntary group set up with the aim of looking after the park space once completed and preserving the wildlife, trees and plants that live in the valley.

The meeting continued with questions from the residents, which included issues around boundaries, road layouts and traffic congestion.

Coun Claire Curtis said: "We would like to thank the residents for taking the time to attend this event.

"As Councillors we had seen the plans for the White Farm site and thought it important that local residents saw for themselves the planned changes to their neighbourhood. We would also like to thank Persimmon Homes for readily agreeing to come and meet the local residents and listen to their concerns."

David Jones, of Persimmon Homes added: "We have thanked the local councillors for organising this meeting. It is important for us to hear residents' concerns and hopefully our answers have put their minds at rest."

Persimmon are hoping that the open space scheme will be finished over the summer and the first houses will be ready shortly after.

The Vale Council has confirmed that the development once completed will adopt the name of White Farm, which allows the site to retain its identity.

RHOOSE TALK

ANOTHER of the Rhoose and District History Society talks will be held at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, on Friday, May 31 at 7.30pm, when Glyn Jones will talk about 'Marconi and Flat Holm'.

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FISH BAR BOOSTS THE LIFEGUARDS

FONT-Y-GARY Fish Bar at the local holiday and leisure park, donated £160 from sales of carrier bags to Rhoose Lifeguards Club. The money will be put towards new equipment for the club, in readiness for the summer season, a spokesman state.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man suffered double fracture of the jaw in in 'unprovoked' attack

ONE of two men who were involved in a verbal exchange in the centre of Barry, suffered a double fracture of the jaw, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Jordon Hunt (19) of Fford Elin, Barry, admitted inflicting grievious bodily harm on 26-year-old Matthew Gill and was sentenced to 18 months in a young offender institution.

Said Judge Niclas Parry:

"This was a wholly unprovoked attack in broad daylight in a public place. It was cowardly and snide. You approached from the side, where he could not see the blow that was coming.

"You then decked him and punched him when he was on the floor. You have trained boxing skills, and you used them. This was a sustained attack causing serious injury."

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said the incident in Barry Road, Barry, was captured on closed circuit television.

The two men had words, after which Hunt attacked Mr Gill causing him a double fracture of the jaw which had to be wired and re-set. He still suffers from numbness. Since the incident, Mr Gill said he felt too scared to go to Barry to visit friends. He said: "I don't know how I'll get over this."

He also added that he no longer liked going out.

Doctors have told him, he said, that he could have nerve damage to his face for the rest of his life.

Said Mr Greenwood: "Mr Gill can think of no motive for the attack."

The court heard that Hunt had a previous conviction for actual bodily harm in an incident of "gratuitous violence" in Thompson Street, Barry.

His counsel, Peter Harding-Roberts, said: "It was accepted that the victim could not defend himself, but at the time the two had exchanged words.

"The harm caused was not the most serious, but the assault didn't end with just one punch."

He added there was no premeditation, and he decided to attack on the spur of the moment.

"His father was the first to say he was completely out of order," said Mr Harding-Roberts.

Man found guilty of manslaughter

A KILLER who attacked a man while wearing only a bath towel, has been jailed for 12 years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Stuart Worvell (22) of Tonna Road, Maesteg, was found not guilty of murdering Thomas Sutton, but guilty of manslaughter.

He was also found not guilty of attempting to murder a friend of Mr Sutton, Kyle Harris.

Mr Justice Wynn Williams said he had seen no sign of remorse.

The court heard that Mr Sutton and Mr Harris called at Worvell's house on the night of June 26, believing a party was going on. Worvell was sitting in his bath listening to music.

Prosecutor Greg Taylor QC said he went downstairs wearing only a towel and opened the door.

As the two men came inside, Worvell, who armed himself with a six-inch knife, stabbed Mr Sutton in the neck and chest.

"It was one of those wounds that probably played a major factor in Mr Sutton's death," said the Judge.

The Judge said that what was certain was that after two stabs, Sutton was in no sort of aggressive state.

The Judge said the victim moved into the house, was followed and stabbed on further occasions.

He pointed out that Mr Harris was not an aggressor, and tried to help his friend.

Worvell reacted by stabbing him.

Disc jockey caught with drugs in a Cardiff night club

STAFF at a Cardiff club discovered a man in possession of prohibited drugs when they went into a lavatory.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Ryan Ansell (21) of Jackson's Quay, Barry, was jailed for a year, the sentence suspended for 18 months.

Ansell had admitted possessing mephadrone with the intent to supply.

Said Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones: "I have a suspicion you were dealing in drugs on a greater scale than what I have to sentence you for. I sentence you on the basis that you are a small-time dealer."

He said the courts crack down on people who supply drugs, for the simple reason they cause a lot of trouble.

"Rest assured if you come back here again for dealing in drugs, a long sentence will follow. You are trying to better yourself, and that's to your credit."

Prosecutor Geoffrey Jones said that in the early hours of November 3 last year, staff at Club X, Charles Street, Cardiff, went into the lavatory where Ansell was acting suspiciously.

He was found to have on him a quantity of mephadrone and £50 in cash.

"He was detained and handed over to the police."

Ansell indicated that he worked as a disc jockey in Cardiff and Bristol. On his mobile phone were many texts indicating a background of drugs.

When arrested, said Mr Jones, he lied to the police claiming the drugs were for personal use and the £50 was dole money.

He later admitted he had been dealing for some months.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "At night, he intended to sell four deals of the drug. What was seized was at the modest end of the scale.

"He has experienced great shame in committing the offence. Fortunately, he has a positive work ethic."

Mr Sharpe said his mother was enraged, disappointed and appalled at what he had done, and he had been severely reprimanded.

"He no longer takes drugs," said Mr Sharpe.

Ansell was also made subject to a supervision order for 18 months, and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work, to attend a substance misuse programme and to pay costs of £750 plus a victim surcharge of £100.

Cadoxton WI news

AT the Cadoxton (Barry) WI meeting held on May 20, 25 members had their annual fish and chip supper.

It was a short meeting as the Resolutions which normally take place in May had been voted on at the AGM in April. The winner of the members' raffle was Maureen, and the Chinese raffle was won by Gay.

The Cadoxton (Barry) WI meet every third Monday at the Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm. Contact 01446 404891.

Children rise to the challenge at Llangrannog

YEAR-5 children from Colcot Primary School recently returned from an action-packed week at Llangrannog.

They left school on Monday morning full of excitement about the activities, and the chance to be away from home for the first time. On arrival at the centre, the children were allocated their rooms and set off straight into activities.

During the week, the children took part in: skiing, go-karting, quad biking, tobogganing, trampolining, horse riding, orienteering, high rope challenges, survival skills, hiking, swimming, archery and the famous 'Muddy Assault Course'!

Evenings were equally busy. The children took part in traditional Welsh dancing, quizzes, fashion shows and of course the last evening disco! It was no wonder that there were no complaints when lights were turned off at bedtime.

Tackling the muddy assault course!

They were always ready for meal times, where they were encouraged to ask for their food in Welsh. With such a variety of locally sourced food, there was something for everyone and children were always full and ready for the next activity.

A tired but very happy group of children returned to school, having given their best in all challenges. The staff at the centre commented on the excellent behaviour, manners and attitude of all children – they really were a credit to Colcot Primary School.

The school is holding an 'open morning' on Thursday, June 6, from 9.30am–11.30am for anyone who wishes to find out more about the exciting things that are going on at Colcot Primary.

To see more Llangrannog pictures or to find out what is happening at the School, the link to our website is www.colcotprimary.ik.

CAROLINE BROOKMAN

Infants school in the top 5 per cent

DINAS POWYS Infants has become the first school in the Vale to be awarded an 'excellent' overall rating, in its latest Estyn inspection.

Following the inspection, the school has been placed amongst the top five per cent of primary schools in Wales. It was praised for displaying "significant aspects of sector leading practice" and has been invited by Estyn to prepare a written case study describing the excellent practice identified during the inspection.

Areas assessed as "excellent" by inspectors included the school's structure for teaching literacy and numeracy, supporting the ethos of the Foundation Phase. Inspectors noted the school has a "calm and caring ethos," while also providing very good value for money.

An impressive 93 per cent of pupils reached the expected reading level for their age group, with 21 per cent exceeding this to achieve level 4 literacy, which is the standard expected for 11-year-olds; 94 per cent of pupils achieved the expected level for maths, with 38 per cent exceeding targets for their age group.

FOOT FUN!

AGE CONCERN Cardiff and Vale is holding a Foot Fun free event at Barry Memorial Hall on Tuesday, June 25, from 10am-12.30pm.

Foot Fun is part of the Activities for Falls and Awareness and will offer taster sessions of activities in the Vale, Zumba Gold, Extend, Tai Chi and tap dancing from 10am-12.30pm.

Information from Nona Hexter on 01446 732385 or Jane Platts on 01446 795631.

MAYOR SHARES OUT £11K TO CHOSEN CHARITIES

Chequing out with a flourish!

ONE of the final events for Coun Eric Hacker as Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan was to present cheques to his three charities.

Representatives from Help for Heroes, Prostate Cymru and the Bridgend Branch of the Stroke Association all attended a reception at the Mayor's Parlour in the Town Hall, Barry.

Coun Hacker said: "Heather and I are pleased to have supported these charities and feel they have been good charities to work with. There are so many good causes looking for support and in these hard times it has been quite difficult at times to get support for our events.

"However, we have tried our hardest and I am pleased with our result. I am delighted to announce that the total amount raised during my year as Mayor is £11,155.38, which includes cash raised during our fortnightly coffee mornings in the Civic Office.

"Heather and I would like to thank everyone who has helped us achieve this fantastic result."

Vale MP opens coffee morning

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale held a successful coffee morning at the Senior Health Shop in Holton Road recently.

The coffee morning was opened by Vale MP, Alun Cairns, and was well attended by the local community.

Mr Cairns was presented with a foot gift and card signed by Friends and Neighbours for his recent marathon run in London, when he nominated Age Concern Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours, along with RNLI, as his charities.

Head Office local hairdressers donated a first prize voucher of £50.

All funds raised from the event were divided between Senior Health Shop and Friends and Neighbours.

Teaching Assistant of the Year hails from Barry's Albert Primary School

RIGHT: Mary Lane with headteacher Mr Huw Jones, deputy head Ceri Hawkins, and Mrs Chris Latham, the special educational needs co-ordinator at the school.

ALBERT Primary School's Mary Lane has been named winner of the Pearson Award for Teaching Assistant of the Year in Wales.

The Pearson Teaching Awards, founded by Lord Puttnam in 1999, are held each year as a celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching.

Mary, who was the first teaching assistant to be employed by Albert Primary has been involved with the school for more than 40 years.

When her children started at the school, Mary was voted chair of the Parent Teacher Association and began volunteering at the school.

She was then taken on as the first teaching assistant to be employed in the school.

Headteacher Huw Jones, who nominated Mary for the award, described her as the "jewel in the crown, the queen of Albert".

Mary is held in the highest regard by all her colleagues and has been described as "the glue which holds Albert together", supporting pupils and their families.

In January, the school held a celebration to recognise Mary's 40 years at Albert Primary, attended by colleagues and pupils past and present.

Mary will join fellow winners at the UK final of the Teaching Awards on 20 October, which will be filmed in London and broadcast by the BBC.

Truancy patrols nets two pupils

TWO children were caught skipping school during the first Vale-wide truancy patrol, held earlier this month.

Officers patrolled the areas of Cowbridge, Llantwit, Penarth, Dinas Powys and Barry for three hours between 10am and 1pm on Monday, May 13, a Vale Council spokesperson reported.

Ten children, eight accompanied by a parent, were stopped by council officers and asked why they were not in school. Although eight children had valid reasons for being absent, such as exclusion or illness, two children claimed they had a 'free lesson', but were found to be truanting.

"The relevant schools have been notified of the names of the pupils who were stopped and questioned as part of the patrols. Further patrols will be held once a term. The next one will be held during the autumn term," the spokesperson added.

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Pupils win awards for anti-racism campaign

THREE pupils from the Vale of Glamorgan have won national awards, after helping to campaign against racism in their local area.

Nia Fenn, from Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, won the Welsh Language category, Phoebe Jennings, from St Illtyd's Primary School, was a runner-up in the poster design year 5 and 6 category; and Dylan Thomas, from St Illtyd's Primary School ,was a runner-up in the poster design years 1-4 category at the national 'Show Racism the Red Card' awards ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in Cardiff.

Players from the newly-crowned football league champions, Cardiff City, were among the stars giving out prizes to the youngsters, alongside players from the Dragons and the Ospreys.

The event, which was hosted by Sport Wales and *Scrum V* presenter Lisa Rogers and *CBeebies* presenter Alex Winters, marked the sixth year of the annual competition run by 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Lisa Rogers has been a long time ambassador of the charity, having presented the awards for the last three years. "'Show Racism the red card' works on the very basic premise that if you want to get rid of racist attitudes, the people you need to talk to are children. And it works," she said.

"I've been to their workshops and saw the huge power for good and that's why I continue to support their awards event every year."

The anti-racism charity, which delivers workshops in schools across Wales, is celebrating a record-breaking year, having educated nearly 14,000 youngsters on how to stop racism in their communities this academic year alone.

The organisation uses the high profile role model status of sports stars to help educate young people across Wales about the reality of racism and the terrible effects the social ill can have on people and schools.

As part of Show Racism the Red Card's work, young people were asked to design posters, t-shirts, write a piece of poetry or perform a piece of dance or drama with a strong anti-racism message.

It was the biggest competition ever, with almost 10,000 youngsters from more than 150 schools taking part, and 95 per cent of council areas getting involved, including the Vale.

Nia Fenn produced a Welsh language poster described by judges as "innovative and thought-provoking". She was given her award by Tom Smith from the Ospreys, who handed over a Kindle, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

Phoebe Jennings produced a poster described by judges as "wonderfully bright". She was given her award by ex-Cardiff City player Christian Roberts, who presented a £20 Amazon gift voucher, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

Dylan Thomas produced a poster described by judges as "fun, bright and uplifting, with a strong message of togetherness". He was given his award by ex-Newport Gwent Dragons player Nathan Palmer,and also received a £20 Amazon voucher, a goody bag, an award and a framed certificate.

There was a special performance from world famous football freestyler Ash Randall and his SBX team, and a dance display by students of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive in Barry, who have worked in partnership with the charity for the last five years.

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ABOVE: Bryn Hafren School's dance group entertained the audience.

LEFT: Dylan Thomas of St Illtyd's Primary received his prize from former Dragons rugby player, Nathan Palmer.

Phoebe Jennings, from St Illtyd's Primary School, pictured with her parents.

ABOVE: Nia Fenn, of Ysgol Bro Morannwg, received her prize from Tom Smith of the Ospreys, andCoun Gwyn John.

'Bedroom tax' sparks debate

A PLAID CYMRU councillor in the Vale has criticised the Westminster Government's so-called 'bedroom tax', as figures show that a sizeable minority of households affected in the Vale include a disabled resident.

Plaid Cymru Coun Ian Johnson told The GEM that of the 650 households affected by the bedroom tax in the Vale, 308 include a recipient of the disability premium.

Coun Johnson claimed the Coalition was being 'heartless'.

He said: "These figures show up the bedroom tax for what it is – a smash and grab on some of the most vulnerable in society.

"Conservatives and Liberal Democrats should be ashamed of themselves.

"Our local MP is very keen to talk about the Welsh Government or the Vale Council, but not upon policies that he voted through at Westminster.

"This is a heartless and impractical policy which will save little money but creates difficulties for families who have little spare income to draw upon.

"Nearly half of those affected in the Vale receive the disability premiu: £14 a week may not sound like much to some people, especially Conservative MPs, but £728 per year is a substantial amount extra to find.

"Just where are these households going to find additional income to spend on this?"

Some people argue that the "bedroom tax" is not a tax, but actually a welfare transfer. Those under-occupying council or social housing – in terms of the number of bedrooms – don't have to pay the state money, but receive a smaller handout from taxpayers.

'SELECTIVE'

Local MP Alun Cairns said Coun Johnson's figures were "highly selective," and that he was failing to take into consideration families needing larger accommodation.

He explained: "Welfare reform is always difficult and it is about making the system fairer to all concerned.

"These figures are highly selective and we need to remember that that there are five times more people on the housing waiting list here in the Vale that could be helped to be housed under the changes. I know of one example where there is one person living in a four bed council house, but also of hundreds of families waiting for such accommodation."

"It is also a scandal that the level of new social house build fell significantly in the years leading up to 2010 when there was a Plaid Cymru housing Minister.

"Many are not affected by the policy, because pensioners are excluded, as well as people with specific disability needs.

"I have received many calls from people worried about the policy, but when I look into their details, they are excluded as a result of the many exemptions. There is a lot of scaremongering going on and critics need to act responsibly.

"It is also worth noting that people on housing benefit that rent in the private sector don't receive payments for extra bedrooms. In order to be equitable, Is Coun Johnson suggesting that these claimants also receive extra payments?"

He added: "To have any credibility, anyone who criticises this policy needs to explain where the money would come from to reverse such a change."

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The students with bags of rubbish collected from the pathways leading to Porthkerry Park.

VALEWAYS is a volunteer-based project for the maintenance, protection, preservation and promotion of public rights of way in the Vale.

As part of their personal social development 'community service' course, Barry year-11 students joined forces with the Valeways project on a 'walk and clear' morning in the local Millwood area.

The students collected six bags of rubbish from the pathways leading down to Porthkerry Park. The Valeways volunteers also entertained the boys with stories and local historical information along the route.

The students were amazed at the amount of litter left in an area of such beauty. And found it hard to understand how people can just drop litter.

PACT meetings

***COURT PACT**, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, May 30 at 6pm.*

***GIBBONSDOWN PACT,** The Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, Barry, June 4 at 10.30am.*

***PLYMOUTH PACT,** Brockhill Community Centre, Penarth, June 5 at 7pm.*

***CORNERSWELL PACT**, Fairfield Primary School, June 12 at 6pm.*

Local authors seeking votes

SULLY author Eileen Younghusband (91) has been shortlised for the The People's Book Prize, along with fellow author Terry Cooper.

Both published by Cardiff-based Candy Jar Books, 91-year-old Eileen's book *One Woman's War* has been shortlisted in the non-fiction category, while Cooper's *Kangazang! Star Stuff* is a finalist in the fiction category of the competition.

The People's Book Prize is a literary competition open to all published authors and judged solely by the public. Eileen wrote her book to help raise the awareness of the fundamental work of the Filter Room during the Second World War. *One Woman's War* is a personal account of war as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF).

Kangazang! Star Stuff is the second book of the hilarious Kangazang! sci-fi trilogy.

Voting will remain open until the awards ceremony on May 29. Visit www.peoplesbookprize.com.

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Soroptimists walk Wales Coastal Path for charity

LEFT: Barry and Cardiff club at Cliff Walk, Penarth.

ON the anniversary of the opening of the Wales Coastal Path, Soroptimists from SI Barry and District joined forces with fellow members, family and friends from clubs across the Wales south region to walk the path.

One group rambled from Penarth to Sully, approximately four and a half miles, while another group from the club, together with two members from the Pontypridd club, trekked from Rhoose Point to Barry, about seven miles.

The weather was cool but sunny, ideal for walking, and everyone really enjoyed the occasion. The Penarth group met with members of SI Cardiff for coffee and a chat before starting their respective journeys.

Both SI Barry and District groups met and had lunch at the end of their walks. The Barry and District members were raising money for The Eczema Society as well for The BIG Project, a Soroptimist initiative supporting mothers and babies in The Gambia.

Club members also supported their colleagues by transporting them to the start of the walks and back to their cars. **CJD**

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Beware these scams!

ANY human activity is exploited by fraudsters feathering their own nest regardless of any hurt caused – they adapt their activities to exploit the world of computing.

They use the existence of the Web and Internet to swindle those who are not familiar with their criminal ways and their easiest victims are those unfamiliar with computers, or who do not know how to recognise scams.

A scam is a ruse to defraud. Scams have been around for generations. To get a feel for how they work, download 'The Little Book of BIG Scams' from www.met.police.uk/little_book_scam.pdf.

There are a few scams that have cropped up since the book was published and are now going the rounds.

A popular one at the moment is a phone call from someone pretending to be from Microsoft. The caller says that Microsoft is aware of a problem with your computer and will fix it for you, if you switch on your computer and let them take remote control of it.

Your safe course is to hang up. If you let them take over your computer remotely, they will pretend to cure a problem you didn't have and charge a fee for doing so. They might also have stolen confidential information from your computer that might let them access your bank account and steal your money.

Microsoft cannot be aware of any fault on your computer. Even if you have sent them a report of a fault as requested when something goes wrong, the report is anonymous so they cannot identify your computer. Microsoft will never ring you or ask to control your machine. Hang up, dial 101, and report the incident to the police.

There are other scams that are familiar to many, but keep coming. Some people must still be biting to keep them worthwhile.

DO NOT believe an email that says you have won a major prize in a lottery that you have no recollection of entering. DO NOT ring the number to verify your prize. It is probably a premium rate line and there is no prize. The same applies to a free holiday abroad. It's a scam.

DO NOT believe that anyone wants your help to import a large sum of money in return for a big slice of it. DO NOT pay an up-front administration fee.

If you get a desperate email from a friend suddenly called abroad and asking for financial help, DO call him (at home where he will be) and tell him his address book has been hacked.

No bank will ever email you asking you to confirm your account details.

If you wish to visit a website, DO NOT click on a link in an email from a stranger, but enter the website address yourself to ensure you are not diverted to a false website.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 11 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm. Our guest speaker will be looking to the future.

See our website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Howard Desmond

PIPS members sign on for 3-D summer course

POSITIVE Image Camera Club has closed for the summer break, but the new programme for next season starting on September 5 will be available in mid -summer.

A group of eight stalwarts has signed on for the 3-D summer school, now in its fourth session of the weekly course.

With the advent of 3-D TV, 3-D films, the question raised was 'how can we make our own 3-D pictures?' PIPS members were fortunate that one of their number, Bernard Brown FRPS, has been practicing in stereoscopic (3-D) since 1981 and has been teaching 3-D all over the country.

The aim of the course was to teach folk to use their own camera, to take 3-D pictures, convert the images in a computer, then print them at home, and see the results through red/ cyan specs, with no expensive new programme to buy. We have achieved this aim, with great success.

Part two will be aimed at being able to work in full colour, without the need for specs, and being introduced to the huge variation of styles and processes that are available to our enthusiasts.

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Wild Llangan!

'*Llangan goes wild*' is the theme at the Llangan and St Mary Hill Community Hall today (Thursday, May 30) from 1pm-4pm, when Animalzone UK brings along live snakes and bugs for those brave enough to handle them.

There will also be the popular face painting, a cuddly toy safari, animal arts and crafts. The all-inclusive cost is £3 per child, with free entry for mums and dads.

Llanfest 4

FOLLOWING the outstanding success of the 2012 Llanfest, this year's event will take place again on the green at Fferm Goch, Llangan, on June 8 from 2pm-6pm.

During the day, visitors will be entertained with live music, many interesting craft and charity outlets, while children, as in previous years, will be catered for with games and a bouncy castle.

Stall pitches are still available, the cost being £6 – but hurry, I am sure every available space will be taken.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind, and this year's event will be as successful as last year.

For further information, contact Mel on 07523493648.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Young at Heart

THE club has been in the doldrums lately, with the wet, cold weather, and daily news of unhappy events taking place in this country.

So it was somewhat uplifting to hear the good news of the birth of club member Sylvia Mordicai's twelfth great-grandchild, a girl Thia May. We can only hope Thia will grow up in a much more happy and peaceful world.

Potholes

THE potholes near St Canna's on the Llangan to Treoes Road, have been filled in and no longer cause a problem to human or horse.

Allotments

A few days ago, I had a peek to see how work was progressing on the Treoes allotments and was surprised to see several people busy with their individual plots.

There is still work to be carried out, and I understand a tree will be planted close to the boundary wall of Saron Chapel, and also a seat for those wishing to meditate and rest awhile.

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COFFEE MORNING

THE annual Age Concern Cardiff and Vale coffee morning will be held on Monday, June 3 at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, between 10am and 12 noon, to raise funds for the charity's Christmas party.

Tickets are £1.50 and include tea, coffee, biscuits (plus top ups), available from the Age Concern office, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (01446 795549).

Stalls include home-made cakes, plants, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

To support the event, contact co-ordinator Gary Bohun (01446 795549).

Carers Week

DURING Carers Week (June 10 – 15) Crossroads Care is holding a coffee morning/garden party in 'Greyholme,' Nottage Village, Porthcawl CF36 3SS on June 14 at 10.30am which is open to everyone.

Books, cakes, plants, bric a brac, raffle with several prizes, will be available, plus the '100 Club' draw with cash prizes. Tickets £1 from the office or on the door.

On Saturday, June 15, it will hold a fun walk/run from the Hi Tide, Porthcawl and then along the Promenade. (Registration from 9.30am.)

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Special days include trips to the west Somerset Steam Railway and on Sunday, June 9, the National Trust Island of Lundy with the annual service in the island church of St Helena.

There are special reductions on most cruises for senior citizens, all children under 18 are half fare, and all children under five travel completely free.

Copies of *Waverley's* full programme and tickets for all cruises are available online at waverleyexcursions.co.uk, from Cardiff Tourist Information Centre or Cardiff Bus offices.

To book by credit card call 0845 130 4647 (or passengers can buy their tickets on board Waverley when they sail).

Free programmes are also available from the kiosk on Penarth Pier and from the Silver Star Decorating and DIY store on Barry Docks.

Yacht club open day

BARRY Yacht Club will be holding an open day on Saturday June 1, when members of the public will be able to try sailing or rowing, as guests on members' boats.

No experience necessary, but booking is essential, and it will be a great day for experiencing the pleasure of being on the sea.

There will be a family barbecue and time to chat to members about what the club offers, including a varied programme of all-year-round social activities. The day starts at 11am.

For booking and further information, please email Maxine bycsecretary@hotmail.co.uk or phone Glynis, social secretary, on 07815 129684. See us at www.barryyachtclub.co.uk.

Women's Trail

AS part of the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival, a walk will cover most of the Barry Women's Trail on Saturday, June 1, starting at 9.30am at Barry train station.

The first part of the walk will cover approximately five miles, at which point anyone on the walk can choose to finish.

The second half of the walk will cover a further six miles, ending back at Barry train station. Sensible walking shoes are needed, along with waterproof clothing in case of inclement weather, also water and refreshments.

Mixed media

KNITTED trees and cars covered with colourful wool, juxtaposed with traditional watercolours and 3D photography feature at Barry Arts Festival in the Art Central gallery until Saturday (June 1).

The diverse display of art works ranges from traditional watercolour painting and digital photography to 3D photography and 'yarn-bombing', where items are covered in coloured wool.

The official opening last Friday included a book launch, signing and talk with Barry-based author and chair of the Arts Council of Wales, Dai Smith, who has just published his first novel, *Dream On*, and Professor Tony Curtis.

The exhibition is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 10am-4pm.

Nursery tea for charity

THE annual Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party is taking place at Fun Foundations Day Nursery, Cowbridge, on Saturday, June 1, at 12.30pm in the Vintage Tea Room.

Selection of sandwiches, cake, scones and tea, with donations taken for Marie Curie.

There will be two sittings, 12.30pm or 1.30pm.

To find out more, visit www.funfoundationsdaynursery.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON...

Valeways festival

VALEWAYS holds its fourth Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival from May 31 to June 2 with varied walks as planned.

For further details or to book your walk(s), call 01446 749000, email walkfest@valeways.org.uk, follow it on Twitter @vogwalkfest or visit www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk.

Valeways walks

ON Thursday, June 6 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Rhoose railway station car park.

On Monday, June 10 at 7pm, 'Seven Counties View' starting at Peterston Super Ely at the footbridge near the Sportsmans Rest.

On Tuesday, June 11 at 7pm, 'Welsh St Donats/Hensol Forest, starting at Hensol Forest car park.

On Wednesday, June 12 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers (Barry Hub) meet at Cold Knap, Barry, outside the Bridge Cafe.

Also on Wednesday, June 12 at 10.30am, 'Llantwit to the Beach', starting at Llantwit Major railway station car park.

Coffee appeal

THE annual Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale coffee morning is being held on Monday, June 3, at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major, between 10am and 12 midday, to raise funds to support the annual Christmas party.

Tickets are £1.50, available from the Age Concern office Commercial St, Llantwit Major 01446 795549 or pay at the door.

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A WELSH language and chat group meets on the last Thursday of every month from 8.30pm at the West End Social Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry; welcoming and easygoing group.

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For more information, contact Anna on 07931849258.

Sunday buses

A NEW Sunday bus service has been launched by the Vale Council to improve access to the Heritage Coastal Path.

The G7 Summer Sunday Service will run from June 2 to September 1 and the Greenlinks bus route includes Cowbridge, Llandow Caravan Park, Colhuw Beach, Llantwit Major, St Donats, Marcross and Nash Point.

It also meets selected trains at Llantwit Major Station, subject to departure times.

The service costs £2 for a single, £3 for an all-day pass and is free for Welsh concessionary pass holders. Pre-booking is not required.

Tax help

TAXHELP for Older People (TOP) will offer free professional advice for those on a restricted income, at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1RB on June 3 from 10am until midday. No appointment is necessary. Contact 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

Council grants

BARRY Town Council will be holding its annual grants presentation evening in the Mayor's Parlour at the Council Offices, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry, on Wednesday, June 5, at 7pm.

Cheques will be presented by the Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis.

Charity quiz

BARRY committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru is holding a quiz on Wednesday, June 5 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry, at 8pm. Entrance fee is £2 per person, payable at the door or on the night.

Church fete

THE St Cadocs Church (Old Village) summer fete will be opened on Saturday, June 15 at 2pm, by Jane Hutt, AM for the Vaqle..

Bouncy Castle, games for young and old, face painting, stalls, prize draw, Barry Brass Band. All under cover. Free admission.

'Van about Town' winner

THE winner of The GEM's 'Van About Town' wordsearch competition was Mrs SA Farrier, of Rhoose Point.

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Fast, Furious – and ludicrously fun!

THERE is an unwritten rule that any film franchise which introduces Dwayne Johnson to the cast, improves said franchise by 87 per cent.

It worked for *GI Joe*, banishing memories of the atrocious first film, while his appearance as Luke Hobbs in *Fast Five* made that film, for my money, the best of the franchise.

He returns in *Fast & Furious 6,* which sees him reunited with Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel), Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker), and their crew, when they are forced to team up to take down mercenary Shaw (Luke Evans), a mission made more personal for the pair with the reappearance of Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) who is seemingly helping Shaw...

The success of *Fast Five* in 2011 was a massive surprise, delivering a nitro-boost to a franchise that was in danger of running out of petrol and being taken for scrap.

The main reason for that was Dwayne Johnson, who really brought the film to life, making his return here a most welcome one; and while *Fast & Furious 6* sees Johnson take a less prominent role, it doesn't affect the overall quality, delivering thrills, spills, clunky dialogue and even clunkier acting – but still hugely entertaining.

Six films in and the franchise has no interest in reinventing the wheel; instead it sticks resolutely to what has made it successful in the first place and amping up these elements. With director Justin Lin (departing after this instalment) and screenwriter Chris Morgan on their fourth *Fast & Furious* collaboration, the pair have their jobs

by GARETH JAMIESON
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down to a fine art.

For Morgan, it's writing dialogue that splutters like a G reg Skoda and a story that ticks the genre boxes with aplomb, but while it should be a source of criticism, somehow it fits perfectly within the tone of the genre.

It's a similar story with Lin's direction, where subtlety is a naughty word and the more flesh, testosterone and vehicular carnage on show the better, but his direction plays up the conventions of what you would expect and never tries to be too clever.

He is also capable of crafting an impressive set-piece, and this film has three of them; a car chase around the busy streets of London (seemingly seen through the eyes of Austin Powers), a tank chase that just keeps getting more out of control and a climax involving an airplane that caps the film off in high-octane style. There are also some hard-hitting fist fights, with top honours going to Gina Carano and Michelle Rodriguez's tube station scrap that would make the strongest man flinch.

What's less impressive is the acting, which has never been the franchise's strong point; Vin Diesel growls his way through it as you would expect, Paul Walker delivers his lines as if channeling a robot, and while Johnson is his usual charismatic self, the remainder of the cast won't be troubling the end-of-year awards.

But, to be fair, that isn't the point of this film; the point of *Fast & Furious 6* is to deliver wall-to-wall action, spectacle over substance, and it does that incredibly well, a unashamed genre film that delivers all you want.

VERDICT: Ludicrous fun, *Fast & Furious 6* makes no bones about doing what it does best, delivering action and spectacle with a knowing sense of reckless abandon. The acting is weak, the script predictable, but Justin Lin's epic direction makes this not just a worthwhile addition to the franchise, but also a grandiose blockbuster in its own right. *Recommended.*

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Winner's talk to Scott Society

DAVID FARROW has told the Cardiff-based Captain Scott Society about his adventures in Kurdistan, where, as a member of the Cambridge University mountaineering team, he attempted climbs on a number of previously unconquered peaks.

Each year, the Scott Society expeditions committee selects its 'Spirit of Adventure' award winner from a wide range of applicants. The award is worth £2,000, although some winners in the past have commented that it is the prestige associated with the award, rather than the money, which counts most.

The society looks in particular for a 'first' and the award is available to any individual or group undertaking an adventurous pursuit that exemplifies Captain Scott's spirit of adventure.

Contact either Jack Wright (expeditions secretary) on 02920 754869 ,or Julian Rosser (chairman) on 02920 626715.

Volunteer befrienders

THE Community Companions Befriending Scheme is looking for volunteer befrienders, particularly in the Porthcawl area and the Ogmore and Garw valleys.

The Big Lottery-funded Community Companions scheme for over-50s is co-ordinated by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) and aims to match volunteer befrienders with people over 50 who are, for whatever reason, isolated and lonely.

For further details, call BAVO on 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk.

Art exhibition

FORMER Barry boy Arnold Lowrey is holding an exhibition of his recent paintings at the Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay until June 2.

Entrance is free, and he will be demonstrating water colour painting on most days. *Further details on 02920 891482, or alowrey@freezone.co.uk.*

Glamorgan Young Farmers' rally takes a patriotic theme

Pictures by **HEATHER MARCH**

THE Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs' rally was held on Pencoed campus, where all the competitions this year featured 'Best of British' or a Celtic theme.

Some Glamorgan winners now go forward to the Royal Welsh Show.

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Walking festival in Vale

THE 4th Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival takes place from May 31 – June 2, with 21 different walks.

On Friday May 31, at 10am, Valeways' walk leader Tim Williams has teamed up with Dr Ffion Reynolds, Cadw's public engagement and Welsh language manager for a circular walk passing through St Nicholas and around St Lythans.

Along the way we will take in the ancient burial chambers of Tinkinswood and St Lythans.

On June 1 at 2pm, join storyteller Katie Jones for a magical walk around Cowbridge's secret spots, to discover that stories arise from the most unexpected places. This walk will take place as part of the Vale's annual Waking Festival, will be an opportunity to hear ancient Welsh tales and songs bubble up from the River Thaw, and will climb upwards to Mount Ida, the 'Mountain of the Goddess', in Cowbridge. *For further information, contact www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk.*

THRILLER SET IN VALE

A NEW thriller set in the Vale of Glamorgan has been released by Y Lolfa publishers.

Blood Month by William Vaughan, is a detective story set in a fictional boys' boarding school in Llanover, where a young teacher chances upon the body of the unpopular headmaster.

It is the author's first attempt at an adult novel following the publication of three novels for children and young adults. Born and educated in Cardiff, William Vaughan has taught English and history at schools in Leicestershire and Cardiff.

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VIEW FROM THE VALE

by Coun **NEIL MOORE**
Leader of the **Vale of Glamorgan Council**

I WOULD like to begin my column this month by congratulating Cardiff City Football Club on their promotion to the Premier League.

This is really good news for the club and their supporters, many of whom live in the Vale.

I have written to the club congratulating them on their success, and have since met with the club officials to discuss how the council and the club can work together in the future.

At that time, we discussed them setting up a Vale training ground and facilities near Hensol and agreed a way forward.

As a result, I presented a report to the Vale cabinet, who agreed to council-owned land being leased to the club to provide those facilities, subject to it going through the usual council procedures, and also subject to any planning approval that will be required.

The report set out our joint ambition to lease around 40 acres of council land to the club, which will allow the club to begin work on providing a Vale based state-of-the-art training facility and training pitches.

This will provide a long term base of operations for the Cardiff City FC professionals and senior academy squads. I am confident that this will be a success story for both of our organisations and look forward to working closely with the football club, its management and supporters.

BARRY BLOW

On the subject of football, I was shocked and saddened to hear of the demise of the much loved Barry Town football club, when the owner withdrew the first team from Division One of the Welsh League, apparently without warning.

This is a real blow to football in Barry and I hope that the Barry Town supporters' committee can resurrect the situation, so that we can have a new football team as soon as possible.

When we took control of the council last year, we met with the Barry Town supporters' committee and had very constructive talks with them.

If we can assist, in any way that is open to us, we would be happy to do so, particularly as only last month the council agreed the appointment of Barry Town FC supporters' club, as primary user for the playing of football at Jenner Park for the 2013/2014 season.

At that time, we believed that they would be playing this season and next.

I hope that before the next season begins, the Barry Town supporters' committee, which has actually been running the teams (and not the owner) can come to an agreement with the FAW and the Welsh League to continue to play football at Jenner Park for years to come. I wish them all success in achieving their ambitions.

FOOD BANK

In relation to other matters, the Vale council has agreed to assist the Vale food bank to collect items for distribution to those in food poverty.

A donation box has been placed in the reception area of the civic offices in Barry, to provide a drop-off point for those wishing to contribute.

I hope that this will be successful, albeit regrettably that we have to have such a scheme in this day and age. This is yet another sign of the recession and the impact of the Westminster Government's welfare reforms.

ISLAND ROAD

On a pressing issue, I am hoping that after meetings between Welsh Government officials and the Waterfront developers that some progress will be made to deliver another road to Barry Island.

I hope my previous interference has sparked some life into obtaining the road, but only time will tell.

Although by the time this column is read we will have had another Bank Holiday, I hope that there will not have been a reoccurrence of the congestion in and around Barry Island, as was the case recently.

It was clear that the fatality blocking off Porthcawl caused extra traffic at our seaside resorts and that every facility was at capacity.

Although plans had been put in place, problems occurred; therefore, as a precaution, we are planning to put in place new traffic management arrangements – and have further discussions with the police to try to get more officers available over the holiday period.

I am hopeful that new arrangements can be put in place and that it will be successful, not only for the visitors, but also businesses.

Finally, I hope everyone had a good bank holiday weekend wherever they were.

LET'S RAISE A GLASS TO WELSH WINE WEEK

A great reason to check out your locals...

THERE was a time when the Continentals ruled the roost in wine production, but now Welsh producers are making their mark too.

Many of the country's 17 vineyards are opening their gates to the public this during Welsh Wine Week, from May 25 to June 2.

Vineyards are holding activities and special promotions, including tours and wine tastings.

Supported by the Welsh Government, the vineyard owners have produced a Wine Trail Wales leaflet to encourage wine tourism and launched a new website – www.winetrailwales.co.uk – and social media pages on Facebook and Twitter (@WinetrailWales) to raise the profile of the blossoming industry.

To find out more details, visit the website or social media pages to find the full programme of Welsh Wine Week.

The Minister for Natural Resources and Food Alun Davies said: "It is encouraging to see producers working together collectively to form a Welsh Vineyard Association.

"In terms of quality and potential, Welsh wine is certainly making a name for itself at home and abroad."

Nowadays, many of the pubs and country inns throughout the Vale and Bridgend stock Welsh wines as well as Continental ones.

With the summer here at last, now is the time to get out and enjoy our local pubs and restaurants – and sample some of the great ales and wines produced locally.

Local eateries and pubs are doing their best to make dining out during the day or evening an affordable experience with lots of special offers – sometimes for children, two or three courses for a set price, and well-priced Sunday lunches.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SILUNA

Judge says man's interest in computer images was 'nauseating'

A 65-YEAR-OLD man has been sentenced to a three-year community order at Cardiff Crown Court, for having pornographic pictures of children on his computer.

Alun Samuel, of Greenways, Porthcawl, was told by Judge Stephen Hopkins QC that his interest in such images was nothing less than "nauseating".

Samuel had been convicted by Vale Magistrates of one charge of possessing indecent images of children, and 12 of making indecent images of children.

Prosecutor Martin Kelly said the offences came to light when officers from the South Wales Public Protection Unit seized the computer belonging to Samuel.

There were 79 indecent images – 48 at level one, three at level three, 28 at level four. The most serious level is five.

Samuel was arrested and admitted accessing the indecent images.

He said they had "popped up" and had become an obsession.

"He expressed extreme remorse," said Mr Kelly.

Samuel's counsel, Alex Greenwood, said: "He was full and frank at the earliest opportunity. He has lost his impeccable character and will have to live with this for the rest of his life."

He was contemplating moving from the area.

Mr Greenwood said he was so shocked when the police arrived, he had to be taken to hospital and was receiving medication for a heart condition.

"He is under no illusion as to the seriousness of his position."

He said the utter humiliation of the case was a substantial punishment in itself.

The Judge said hitherto Samuel had led a blameless life.

The Judge said that as was his duty he saw some of the images and one involved a child of no more than four.

"Any normal person would find these images distressing. Each separate photo is a separate victim."

He said people who viewed them perpetuated the trade of the damage caused to young people.

Samuel was ordered to attend a sex offender programme course, and ordered to register as a sex offender for five years.

He was also banned for life from working with children, and the Judge ordered the forfeiture and the destruction of the computer.

The Judge also ordered a pair of binoculars found in Samuel's home be forfeited and destroyed. He was also ordered to pay £340 costs.

Judge tells jealous lover to 'grow up'

A JEALOUS lover who beat up a student has been sentenced to 12 months in a young offender institution, suspended for a year, and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Callum Wingren (19), a £300-a-week scaffolder, of Shakespeare Avenue, Penarth, was told by Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones: "You need to grow up."

Wingren had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of inflicting grievious bodily harm and committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor Geoffrey Jones said the teenage student travelled by train from Cadoxton to Bridgend College. A girl student, the girlfriend of the defendant, struck up a friendship with him.

"All that occurred was occasional verbal flirting."

Wingren sent him a text message saying: "Touch my girlfriend again, and I'll kill you. I'll find out where you live." He also said he would "break his legs, stamp on his head and kill him".

In a premeditated attack, said Mr Jones, the defendant waited to confront him in a car park, punched him to the left side of his face, punched him in both eyes, picked him up and threw him on the bonnet of a car, while delivering 15 blows.

He picked up the injured man's mobile phone and threw it away.

The teenager was taken to the University Hospital of Wales with cuts and bruises, numbness to the face and a cheekbone fracture.

In a victim impact statement, the injured person said he had to give up sport for three weeks, was on a restricted diet and was fearful of going out.

He no longer travels by train, and he said his friends and family thought he had changed.

Mr Jones said he had also received counselling.

"The attack has shattered his confidence and affected his personality," said Mr Jones.

Wingren claimed to the police that the youth had thrown the first punch.

His solicitor, Aubrey Samson, said: "To say that he is deeply embarrassed and remorseful is an understatement.

"He believes the victim's friendship had gone too far, and he believed he could sort things out. If he could turn the clock back, he would.

"He used only his fists, and no weapons.

"He hopes to have a trial for Wales under-20 rugby team. He works hard and plays hard. He has made one mistake, and will not make another one."

The Judge said he had no right whatsoever to beat up someone who talked to his girlfriend.

The Judge added: "Keep your fists to yourself. What you did to that young man was unforgiveable."

He was ordered to pay the victim £1,250 compensation, costs of £750 and a victim surcharge of £100.

The Judge also made a restraining order preventing the defendant having contact with the victim for two years.

Women sentenced for a series of drug offences

TWO young women broke down in tears in the dock at Cardiff Crown Court while being sentenced for a series of drug offences.

Samantha Herbert (21) of Mackworth Street, Bridgend, admitted supplying cannabis, and possessing drugs with intent to supply. She was made subject to a community order involving 150 hours unpaid work.

Dionne Howe (20) of the same address, admitted to supplying cannabis, possessing drugs with intent to supply and offering to supply drugs.

She was sentenced to eight months in a young offenders' institution, suspended for 18 months, ordered to carry out 220 hours unpaid work and made subject to a supervision order for 18 months.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones said: "You are two young women who realise you have ended up in serious trouble. Distribution of drugs is regarded seriously by the court, and normally there is a sentence of imprisonment."

He said he wanted them to understand how close they had come to going to prison. But, he said, the defendants had pulled themselves together, and hopefully the matter would be put behind them.

For many years, said the Judge, he had seen the destitution and terrible effects caused by drugs.

Prosecutor Jeremy Jenkins said the offences came to light last July when police went to an address in Cowbridge Road, Bridgend.

There they found scales and a quantity of the Class A drug MDMA.

There was also a quantity of cannabis and cash of £200.

Howe later admitted supplying cannabis to friends. She also said she used cannabis and on occasion Herbert had delivered it to her.

The court heard she and Herbert had purchased MDMA for £200, and offered to supply it but not for gain.

Mr Jenkins said it was difficult to separate the role of each defendant, but each played a significant part in its distribution and sale.

Meirion Davies, for Howe, said: "She is an intelligent woman who has had problems. She is in absolute terror of going into custody.

"Luckily, she has pulled herself together and there is now a volte face. She is now of minimal risk of harm to the public because she has been pulled up short."

He said she worked in a management role and realised she had "made a complete ass of herself".

Dean Pullin, for Herbert, said she once worked for a law firm and possessed many attractive qualities.

"From the outset, there was complete co-operation. Hers was a lesser role, and she was mortified to find herself before the court."

He described her as "bright, but criminally naive".

Mr Pullin said she had enough about her to move on.

Brothers sentenced for a 'disgraceful incident' of affray

TWO brothers who took part in an affray in Barry were sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court.

Robert Avient (22) of Miskin Street, Barry, was jailed for 10 months and his 24-year-old brother Michael Avient, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for a year and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work.

He was also made subject to an electronically-tagged three-month curfew from 6.30pm- 6am.

Both men admitted a charge of affray.

Robert Avient also admitted inflicting grievious bodily harm on Ceneyt Ulug and Michael Avient admitted causing actual bodily harm to Jamie Jones.

Prosecutor Jason Howells said the parties involved had exchanged words, after which there was a fight.

The two victims were assaulted, one was hit over the head with a bottle.

The brothers later surrendered themselves to the police, and blamed the injured party for what had happened.

Mr Ulug had 12 stitches put in a head wound, and a number of teeth were chipped. Mr Jones suffered cuts and bruises.

Robert Avient was said to have convictions for assaulting the police, and for a public order offence.

His brother had no previous convictions.

Claire Pickthall for Robert Avient, said something happened to make him to behave as inappropriately as he did.

"It is something he bitterly regrets. Such behaviour has affected the rest of his life.

"He is not stupid, but understands the seriousness of what has occurred.

"He is utterly terrified of what might happen to him, and in front of me he broke down in tears."

Byron Broadstock for Michael Avient, said he had a clean record, his partner was expecting a child, and he was at a low risk of re-offending.

"The offences were very much out of character. The injuries suffered by Mr Jones were minor."

Judge Niclas Parry said: "This was a disgraceful incident of drunken violence involving the use of a weapon."

Robert Avient, he said, over-reacted, struck his victim over the head with a bottle, which smashed.

Valeways get 'tidy' boost

VALEWAYS have been awarded £300 worth of National Garden Centre vouchers by environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy.

The vouchers will enable Valeways to improve the quality of their local environment by undertaking practical environmental projects.

The Keep Wales Tidy Garden Centre Voucher Scheme has been made possible with funding from the Welsh Government and will be used by community groups to help cover the costs of tools, equipment and material as well as native plants, shrubs and seeds.

For more information on the Keep Wales Tidy National Garden Centre Scheme or to get contact details of your local project officer, contact Keep Wales Tidy on 029 2025 6767, email group.funding@keepwalestidy.org or visit website www.keepwalestidy.org.

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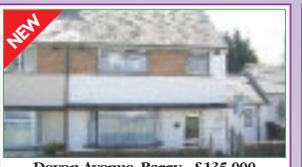
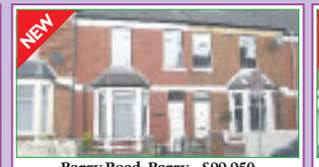
Glen Mavis Way, Barry - £159,950

Three bedroom semi detached property situated on a sought after development in the north of Barry. Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and separate wc to first floor. DG and electric storage heating. Well maintained gardens to front and rear. Driveway with off road parking for 3/4 vehicles leading to detached single garage.



Devon Avenue, Barry - £135,000

Three bedroom semi detached property situated in the heart of Barry. Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Bathroom to 1st floor, separate wc. Outhouse providing sorage, utility area and wc. DG. Gas CH. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. Single detached garage. Partial far reaching views of Bristol Channel. Offered for sale with no chain.



Barry Road, Barry - £99,950

Traditional bay fronted, mid terrace. Situated in the heart of barry. Hallway, lounge, through dining room. Kitchen, rear lobby. Downstairs bathroom. First floor wc. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden. Close to local amenities and bus routes. Walking distance of Holton Road shopping centre. Offerd for sale with no chain.

Queen Street, Barry - £109,950

Three bedroom traditional mid terrace property situated in West End of Barry. Open porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Downstairs bathroom. upvc DG. Electric storage heaters. Enclosed rear courtyard. Close to local amenities, shops and train station with links to Bridgend, Penarth and Cardiff. Offered for sale with no chain.

Merthyr Street, Barry - £110,000

Traditional two bedroom end terraced, benefiting from loft room. Situated in the heart of Barry. Hallway, lounge through dining room. Modern fitted kitchen. Bathroom to first floor. Generous master bedroom. DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear courtyard. Close to local amenities including shops and train station. Ideal FTB or investment. EPC=C.

Beryl Road, Barry - £124,995

Two bedroom mid terraced property. Heart of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge/dining room. Fitted kitchen. Family room, conservatory. Two bedrooms, bathroom, shower room and separate wc to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. (Property is on the footprint of a three bedroom). Close to shops and parks. No chain.

Fern Drive, Barry - £129,500

Three bedroom semi detached property on modern development in West End of Barry. Hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room. Shower room to first floor. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway. Single garage with power and lighting. Close to local shop, schools, college, hospital and bus routes. EPC rating D. No chain

Rhoose Road, Rhoose - £141,950

Three double bedroom mid terrace property on a no through road in village of Rhoose. Ideal family home. Newly fitted carpets to bedrooms, hall, stairs and landing. Comprises hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility area. Bathroom to 1st floor. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. Side access. No chain.

St Paul's Avenue, Barry - £154,950

Traditional bay fronted, three bedroom, end terrace. West End of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge through sitting room, dining room, kitchen with appliances to remain. Downstairs wc. Bathroom, office/ nursery/dressing room to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. Single garage. Walking distance of schools, shops. EPC Rating E

Harbour Road, Barry - £194,995

Three bedroom traditional mid terrace bay fronted. West End of Barry. many original features. Porch, living room/dining room, kitchen/diner, bathroom and loft room with velux windows. Short walking distance to Romilly school and shops. Barry train station with links to Cardiff, Penarth, beaches and parks. Ideal family home.

Brookfield Avenue, Barry - £229,950

Four/five bedroom split level property set on generous corner plot. Cul de sac location. Entrance hallway, bedroom four/further reception room and bedroom five to ground floor. Cloakroom, lounge, dining room and kitchen to lower ground floor. Master bedroom with en suite shower. Two bedrooms and family bathroom to 1st floor. upvc DG. Gas CH. Viewing essential

Somerset Road, Barry - £275,000

Three/four double bedroom detached dormer. Generous plot with views across Barry and Bristol Channel. Porch, outer hall, entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, 2 bedroom, sitting room, dining room, kitchen. Utility and storage room to the ground floor. Two bedrooms and bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. Driveway.

Colcot Road, Barry - £126,950

Three bedroom semi detached. Central Barry. Porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner. Shower room/utility room. Downstairs wc. Gas CH. upvc DG, Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking for numerous vehicles. Single detached garage. On bus route and walking distance of schools, college, shop and hospital. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

The Heathers, Barry - £165,000

Four bedroom detached property. Off Claude Road, West End of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room through to kitchen. Conservatory. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Rear garden. Driveway with off road parking. Integral garage. Close to schools, college and bus routes. Within easy access of Cardiff and M4 corridor. EPC Rating C/D. Offer for sale with no chain.

Heol Gwerthyd, Barry - £202,950

Four double bedroom detached, set on generous plot on Pencoedtre Village development. East End of Barry. Entrance hallway. Lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway with parking. Single garage. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

Hawthorn Road, Barry - £209,950

Three bedroom detached. Situated in West End of Barry. Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room. Fitted kitchen. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Driveway fo 2/5 vehicles. Detached single garage. gardens to front and rear. Close to Romilly Primary School. Easy access to local amenities, public transport. EPC Rating D. Offered for sale with no chain.

Gladstone Road, Barry - £219,950

Four double bedroom semi detached. Heart of Barry. panoramic views across Barry Waterfront. Porch, hallway, lounge, sitting room, family room, fitted kitchen. Master bedroom with en suite and built in storage. Three further double bedrooms. bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Enclosed rear garden. Hard standing. Walking distance to local amenities. Viewing advised. EPC Rating D/D

Pontypridd Road, Barry - £249,950

Two/Three bedroomed detached bungalow. WestEnd of Barry. Entrance hallway. Lounge, dining room/bedroom three. Kitchen/breakfast room. utility area. large bathroom. Cloakroom. Loft room. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. off road parking for 4/5 vehicles. Walking distance of shops, doctors sugery, primary school and bus routes. Close to Porthkerry park.

Westward Rise, Barry - £252,950

Four bedroom detached on large plot in Garden Suburb, West End of Barry overlooking Porthkerry woods. Entrance hallway, downstairs wc. Lounge, dining room. Fitted kitchen and utility room. Family bathroom to first floor. Gas CH. DG. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking leading to single garage. Walking distance of Porthkerry Country park. Offered for sale with no chain.

Port Road East, Barry - £319,995

Well presented and maintained to high standard. Detached four bedroom 'true' bungalow. North of Barry. Plot approx one third of an acre. Hallway, lounge, dining room, utility room, utility area, kitchen, bathroom. upvc DG, Gas CH. Driveway with off road parking for numerous vehicles. Large enclosed garden with patio area with views across the Vale of Glamorgan and farmland. Viewing essential.

Porth y Castell, Barry - £459,000

West End of Barry with views across the Bristol Channel. Three reception rooms. Four bedrooms. large reception hall, lounge, dining rom, study, kitchen, bathroom, upvc DG, GAS CH via combi. Oak flooring throughout ground floor with exception of kitchen. Gardens to front and rear. Driveway to double garage. In need of some updating. EPC Rating E. Offered for sale with no chain.

Howard Court, Barry - £104,950

Well presented two bedroom apartment situated on popular Pontypridd Road in the West End of Barry. Accommodation comprising: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen. Bathroom. Separate wc. upvc DG.Gas CH. Benefiting from a garage to the rear of building in a block. offered for sale with no chain.

Howard Court, Barry - £124,995

Opportunity to acquire a two bedroom first floor apartment, set in block of four in West End of Barry. maintained to high standard. Entrance hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms. Good size modern bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Communal gardens. Garage.Off road parking. Close to local bus routes, shops and cafes. EPC Rating D.

Blenheim Close, Barry - £174,950

Three bedroom semi detached on the Highlight Park development, North of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen. Family bathroom to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden with areas laid to lawn and decking. Driveway leading to garage with power, lighting and plumbing for washing machine. Close to supermarket.

Merthyr Dyfan, Barry - £199,950

Two bedroom detached bungalow. Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, bathroom and kitchen. DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Garden shed. Greenhouse. Cotswold stone providing low maintenance to front garden. Driveway for four cars. Garage/workshop. Viewing essential to appreciate property. Easy access to Cardiff , M4 corridor and airport. EPC rating C/C

Cilgant y Mellion, Rhoose Point - £219,950

Four bedroom detached. On the popular Rhoose Point development. Hallway, lounge, dining room, large conservatory. kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room. Downstairs wc. Family bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway with off road parking. Single garage. Stunning coastal walks. EPC Rating D. No chain.

Westward Rise, Barry - £345,000

Four double bedroom detached. Set in cul de sac in Garden Suburb. backing onto Porthkerry Woodlands. Three reception rooms. Conservatory. Newly fitted kitchen. Utility room and downstairs wc. Bathroom with jacuzzi and modern shower. Ensuite to master bedroom. sauna and heated swim-spa. Detached double garage. No chain.

Dyfan Road, Barry - £126,950

Three bedroom semi detached, situated in central Barry. Hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, storage room. bathroom and separate wc to 1st floor. upvc DG. Gas CH. Gardens to front, side and rear. Off road parking for two vehicles. Close to local amenities and bus route.

Glynbridge Close, Barry - £159,950

Three bedroom detached bungalow. Cul de sac location. North of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room, upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden with views across playing fields. Low maintenance front garden. Driveway with off road parking for two vehicles leading to integral garage. Close to local amenities. No chain.

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Cadoxton come out on top in Munro cup

IT was pleasing to see the number of new bowlers on both sides taking part in this Munro Cup match between Cadoxton and Central.

The game was played in an amiable atmosphere, with the home side, Cadoxton, coming out on top.

Derek Brook skipped his rink with the biggest success, against a past member of Cadoxton, Ken Tanner.

The game started with a number of singles to both sides giving a 4-3 lead to the home side. A '6' and '4' on the following two ends opened up a gap, which was never recovered.

Graham Brown struggled on his rink against Brian Hutchins and trailed 8-1. However, with Tony Bishop giving good support from the front the game turned dramatically and only two further singles were conceded whilst adding sixteen. Howard Craven's rink opened up a 10-3 advantage after eight ends but then a lapse allowed the opposition, skipped by John Jones, to tie the scores at thirteen. Success on the last two ends gave the home side the win. Kelvin Chedgzoy and Ted Hudd were the opposing skips on the other rink and they had an even tussle. The score after eleven ends was 8-8. The visitors doubled their score during the next three ends, but this was counteracted by a home revival, when six shots were scored. The shot/s on the last end could not be agreed, with Cadoxton having three shots against one all equidistant from the jack.

D Fanning, L Adams, P Ellis, D Brook 23 – 11 D Smith, R Giles, I King, K Tanner; T Bishop, J Ferguson, I Robertson, G Brown 17 – 10 K Ford, A Kennedy, T Caged, B Hutchins; G Western, M Curtis, S Clarke, H Craven 16 – 13 G Young, D Goddard, L Tanner, J Jones; D Hammond, D Evans, L Davies, K Chedgzoy 14 – 16 C Ditchburn, N Hudd, C Willacott, E Hudd. Final score: 70 – 50.

CADOXTON V SULLY – CARRUTHERS

Sully Bowling Club was the visitors to Cadoxton, in the final match of the Carruthers section.

They completed a convincing win to head the section and so qualify for the knockout stages. The only rink which got close to a win was skipped by Don Kuhnell. After 11 ends the score was 13-7 in their favour, but they did not score again for five ends, and trailed 13-16. Three winning ends regained the advantage. Going into the last end the scores were tied. They held two shots when the opposition trailed the jack into the ditch, giving them a two shot success. On the other rinks the first division status of the visitors proved too strong

H Hellyar, L Adams, C Cowling, D Brook 12 – 34 B Curtis, C Michael, D Edwards, I Paterson; T Bishop, I Dunbar, G Brown, D Kuhnell 18 - 20 G John, A Rees, D Curtis, C Williams; G Western, M Curtis, L Davies, J Davies 13 – 24 K Lewys, A Thomas, J Frayne, C Best; P Ellis, W Vaughan, W Eadie, H Craven 13 – 30 E Pryer, H Levick Jones, M Hardy, B Griffiths. Final score: 56 – 108.

CADOXTON 'A' V LLANTWIT MAJOR 'A'

Following their win last week against Llantwit Major in the SVL, Cadoxton visited them in a friendly fixture.

The outcome was an easy win for the home side with two winning rinks one tied and one loss. The success for Cadoxton was skipped by Ivor Robertson, and the draw for skip Roy Harding.

S Clements, D Hammond, A Turner, G Davies 8 - 23 D Post, N Jocham, D Johns, E Sparks; A Prince, E Heppenstall, G Solomon, R Harding 19 – 19 C Williams, J Nixon, M Jones, R Gray; I Heppenstall, J Ferguson R Cole, I Robertson 18 – 13 D Ahearn, A Harvey, P Twomey, R George; G Powell, D Fanning, J Sugden, S Clarke 7 – 39 I Williamson, K Williams, E Hacker, M Adams. Final score: 52 - 94.

CADOXTON V BELLE VUE - MUNRO CUP

Two of the newcomers Dennis Hammond and Jamie Ferguson, were on the rink skipped by Don Kuhnell.

On a very difficult surface, they both gave gratifying performances, to assist with a substantial success. Jim Sugden also played his part to leave the skip very little to do.

Derek Brook also produced a good win on his rink. Included on his rink was new bowler Paul Swannick.

The early part of the game produced only two singles to trail 8-2 after eight ends, but a run of '2's took them in front 10-8. The score was levelled on the next, however the visitors took over scoring '3','5','3' ,'5' on the next four ends, to build an unassailable lead.

On Len Davies's rink, with newcomer Ken Mcmahon included, the home side took an 11-4 advantage after seven ends. At the completion of the 12th end the score was level, 11-11. With 15 ends played it was 13-13. The home side completed the game with three winning ends.

Howard Craven's rink had a game with both sides taking it in turn to score. After five ends each side had won two ends with one end too close to separate. After 13 ends it was 6 wins each. The scores were level going into the penultimate end, on which a '5' decided the match in favour of the home side.

S Clements, P Swannick, P Ellis, D Brook 26 – 12 C Westcott, A Stockham, I Ford, R Patterson; D Hammond, J Ferguson, J Sugden, D Kuhnell 23 – 10 R Fitzjohn, D Glanville, L Fowler, B Morgan; J Stacey, D Fanning, M Curtis, H Craven 11 – 18 A Atkins, G Thomas, D Miller, M Thomas; G Powell, K McMahon, R Cole, L Davies 13 – 17 F Keen, T Ford, P Paterson, L Aubrey. Final score: 73 – 57.

CADOXTON V CENTRAL

This week with no competitive games on the fixture list, Cadoxton played two friendlies, the first of which was at home against Barry Central.

The sun came out and the cold wind had disappeared, which ensured an amiable afternoon of bowls. The unimportant result was a success for Central with three winning rinks.

The only win was from Howard Craven's rink. They recovered from 3-10 down, with two '4's assisting them to a comfortable win, against Ted Hudd's rink. Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink seemed to have overcome a 7-0 deficit when leading 18-13 with five ends left. However a '4' assisted the opposition, skipped by Tom Kaged, to bring the score level going into the final end, on which they scored a single. Don Kuhnell also started badly on his rink against John Wathes, when they trailed 10-0. This was gradually reduced to 13-14 down but a '4' opened a gap which was never recovered, although a '2' on the last end moved them off '13'. Ashley Brown, made a guest appearance to skip the fourth rink against Brian Hutchins, but his lack of bowling did not help. At half-way they also trailed 2-17 before any headway was made, with five successful ends, but this was to no avail.

D Hammond, C Cowling, D Brook, K Chedgzoy 19 – 20 C Ditchburn, A Kennedy, I King, T Kaged; T Bishop, I Robertson, G Brown, A Brown 12 - 28 K Ford, D Goddard, H Spencer, B Hutchins; D Evans, J Davies, L Davies, D Kuhnell 15 – 20 G Young, A Giles, K Tanner, J Wathes; G Solomon, W Vaughan, P Ellis, H Craven 20 – 15 J Jones, D Jeynes, N Hudd, E Hudd. Final score: 66 – 83.

The other match was played at Sully with a shortage of players on both sides. The game result was similar to the other game with Cadoxton winning on one rink, losing two by one and four shots, and the other heavily.

G Powell, J Ferguson, A Turner, G Davies 17 - 18 A Kelly, C Michael, D Edwards; L Adams, E Heppenstall, R Harding 15 –19 K Lewys, L Shields, J Frayne; S Clements, I Heppenstall, R Cole, M Curtis 18 – 9 D Fanning, K Hayes, A Rees, G John; G Western, J Sugden, S Clarke 8 – 39 E Pryer, H Jones, D Kotchkiss. Final score: 58 - 85.

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Chess team consolidate position

THE last game of this season's Welsh Premier League produced a fine win for the Vale chess team at Barry West End Club.

The visitors were the reigning Premier League champions, but the Vale players gave Cwmbran no respite from a poor season, with a victory by 4 wins to one with one game drawn.

Captain Lee Davis got an early win against his Welsh senior international opponent. Nigel Ralphs despatched his adversary ruthlessly, and top board David Sully took the team over the winning line with a smooth and efficient performance with the black pieces against a strong opponent.

Cwmbran's miserable afternoon was complete when Joe Turner used his tactical skills to draw a very difficult ending which Cwmbran must have thought they could win.

This victory followed a very commendable performance in April away at Cardigan when a weakened Vale team gave their higher-rated opponents quite a scare – particularly on the lower boards, where the Vale scored two out of three, headed by a fine win from Rhys Steele.

With victories over Cardiff, Casnewydd and Cwmbran, the Vale team finished sixth in the Premier League – the same position they achieved last year.

This season's contests were much closer, however, and sixth place is small reward when two matches were lost by the narrowest margin possible.

That those two matches were against Cardigan and Llanelli, who subsequently finished as Premier League winners and runners up respectively, only shows that from more than a thousand chess moves made by Vale players this year, the team were perhaps only two moves away from qualifying for Europe.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, with matches starting at 7.30pm. New players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

For more details, visit http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com/.

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DDYDD MAWRTH 25 MEHEFIN 2013 AM 10.00 am ER MWYN CYNNAL YMCHWILIAD LLEOL CYHOEDDUS AC WEDYN I BENDERFYNU AR: DEDDF BYWYD GWYLLT A CHEFN GWLAD 1981 – CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN ADDASU'R MAP DIFFINIOL 2011 – LLWYBR TROED 75, Y BARRI

Bydd effaith y Gorchymyn, os caiff ei gadarnhau fel y'i gwnaed, yn addasu'r Map Diffiniol a'r Datganiad ar gyfer yr ardal drwy ychwanegu atynt y llwybr troed sy'n cychwyn o Bwynt A (NGR 309870 168313) ar Fap y Gorchymyn yn Ffordd Cwm Cidi, gan ddilyn trac tarmac 5 metr o led i gyfeiriad gorllewinol, yn troi i'r gorllewin-de-orllewin ar ôl 47 metr ac i'r de-orllewin ar ôl 69 metr arall, ac wedyn yn parhau am 59 metr tan i'r llwybr adael y trac tarmac ar Bwynt B (NGR 309716 168253) ac yn cyrraedd blaengwrt tarmac. Mae'r llwybr yn parhau i'r de-ddwyrain drwy'r blaengwrt, yn 5 metr o led am bellter o 11 metr i Bwynt C (NGR 309724 168246). O Bwynt C, mae'r llwybr yn dilyn aliniad de-orllewinol am 29 metr, wrth fynd ymlaen yn 1.2 metr o led dros lawr caled gwaith carthffosiaeth tanddaearol ac yn terfynu lle mae'n croesi i ffin Parc Gwledig Porthceri ar Bwynt D (NGR 309704 168222).

Diben yr Ymchwiliad yw galluogi'r Arolygydd i glywed sylwadau gan y rhai sydd wedi gwrthwynebu'r gorchymyn. Gall unrhyw un arall sydd â buddiant hefyd fod yn bresennol a chael caniatâd i siarad yn ôl disgresiwn yr Arolygydd.

Caiff unrhyw un sydd am weld y datganiadau achos a dogfennau eraill sy'n ymwneud â'r Gorchymyn hwn, wneud hynny drwy drefnu i ymweld â swyddfeydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Doc, Heol yr Isffordd, Y Barri yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. (Cewch ffonio Gwyn Teague neu Sandra Thomas yn y cyngor ar 01446 704810).

Helen May
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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

AN INSPECTOR APPOINTED BY THE WELSH MINISTERS WILL ATTEND AT ROOM F38, DOCK OFFICE, BARRY DOCKS, BARRY CF63 4RT ON

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013 AT 10.00 am TO HOLD A PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY AND TO SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINE: WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011 – FOOTPATH 75, BARRY

The effect of the Order, if confirmed as made, will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath commencing from Point A (NGR 309870 168313) on the Order Map at Ffordd Cwm Cidi, following a 5 metre wide tarmac track in a westerly direction, turning west south west after 47 metres and southwest after a further 69 metres, then continuing for 59 metres until the path exits the tarmac track at Point B (NGR 309716 168253) and enters into a tarmac forecourt. The path proceeds south east through the forecourt with a width of 5 metres for a distance of 11 metres to Point C (NGR 309724 168246). From Point C, the path then adopts a south westerly alignment for 29 metres proceeding with a width of 1.2 metres over the hard standing of an underground sewage works to terminate where it crosses into the boundary of Porthkerry Country Park at Point D (NGR 309704 168222).

The purpose of the Inquiry is to enable the Inspector to hear representation from those persons who have objected to the Order. Any other interested persons may also attend and be allowed to speak at the discretion of the Inspector.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at the Vale of Glamorgan Council offices, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, during normal office hours (Council contact: Gwyn Teague or Sandra Thomas, tel.no. 01446 704810).

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday June 4 at 1.45pm.

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CUMMINGS
Valerie Mary

Peacefully on the 26th May 2013, Val of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of the late Brian, and dearly loved mother of Andrew and Dawn, mother in law of Jeff and loving grandmother of Stacey, Gareth, Joshua and Gemma and great grandmother of Jack. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service on Thursday 6th June in Coychurch Crematorium at 10.30.a.m. All enquiries to W.A.Brown & Son, Llantwit Major 01446 792489.

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Contact Mandy 07796 828564.

Meet Greyhounds

THERE is a chance to Meet the Greyhounds with Greyhound Welfare outside Cowbridge Town Hall and area between 11.30am – 2pm this Saturday (June 1).

For further information, telephone 01446 750663.

Hospice day

ON Saturday June 1, George Thomas Hospice Care will hold its annual fun day and car boot sale in Whitchurch Hospital grounds to raise vital funds to support the charity's work as the major provider of specialist palliative care to those suffering from cancer and other life threatening illnesses in Cardiff.

The day starts with the car boot sale at 9.30am, followed by live music, a fun fair, stalls and pony rides, a Tug-of-War contest, three live bands, a coconut shy, Tai Kwondo display, fire engines and cream teas. *Call GTHC on 029 2052 4150.*

Evie benefit

BARRY Ladies Choir is holding a coffee morning on Saturday, June 1 in St Helen Church hall between 10am and 12 noon with stalls, to help Evie, a local four-year-old girl, travel to America to receive life-changing surgery not available in the UK.

For further information about Evie, see website www.hopeforevie.co.uk.

Rhoose bingo

THE management committee of Rhoose Community Hall is holding another bingo afternoon on Saturday June 1 at 2pm in Stewart Rd, Rhoose. All proceeds will go towards the running of the hall.

The annual general meeting of the hall takes place on Monday June 3 at 7pm.

Surgery

LABOUR councillors for Dyfan ward, Barry, Anthony Powell and Claire Curtis, will hold an advice surgery on Saturday June 1 at Highlight Park Community Centre, from 11am to 12pm. ***No appointment is necessary.***

Summer learning!

AT Barry Learning Centre enrolments are being taken for six, four-week courses with a flavour of summer.

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For anyone thinking of learning Welsh a new short taster course will be running at Palmerston centre from Monday June 3, 1pm – 3pm with a free creche.

Contact Barry Learning Centre (01446 738054) or Palmerston centre 01446 733762 for further details.

Hospital discharge advice

AGE Concern Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, when an advisor from Age Concern hospital discharge will be available to answer any questions or give advice to people over 50 on Tuesday June 4 10am – 12 midday.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Plant sale

JUNE 6, Llanilltyd Fawr In Flower, coffee morning and plant sale at Old Rosedew House, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major, 10.30am. Open garden and Victorian dolls house. Support the town's floral display.

Ynysawdre music

YNYSAWDRE Village Hall presents an evening of multi-instrumental music with Chris Hastings on Friday June 6 at 7pm. *Call Mair on 01656 722115 for details.*

Art Society

ON Thursday June 6, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Cardiff artist Kevin Strong, who will give a watercolour demonstration.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge 7pm – 9pm. Visitors are welcome.

For full programme see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Summer ball

PENCOED Town and District Twinning Association will be holding a Summer Ball to coincide with a visit from twin town Plouzane, Brittany on Saturday June 8 at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall.

It starts at 7.30pm, with a buffet supper served from 8pm. Details from Wendy McDonald on 01656 865633, or email eric.mcdonald012@btinternet.com or Mark Steer, tel 01443 230282, email marksteer@talktalk.net.

Lavernock festival

THE little Church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock is hosting a flower festival on June 8 – 9, from 10am to 4pm.

The theme will be 'Noah's Ark' with colourful displays of flowers.

At 7pm on June 8, the Spectrum Singers will be giving a concert in the church; entrance £5, includes a glass of wine. *Tickets from Richardson's Health Shop, Paget Rooms, Penarth, or call 029 20701303.*

Elder abuse

VALE 50+ Strategy forum is holding an elder abuse awareness event on June 14 at Barry Central Library, King's Square, Ground Floor from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

Many information stands covering housing benefits, community safety, advocacy, CAB, Care & Repair.

RBL meets

THE next meeting of the Barry branch Roayl British Legion will be held on Monday, June 17 at 2.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Barry Memorial Hall.

League AGM

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League will hold its AGM on Monday June 17 at the Seaview Labour Club at 7.30pm.

Contact the Secretary at Leaguesec@live.co.uk.

Island road protest group calls for action

A protest group has been formed to demand that a second road to Barry Island should be built as a matter of urgency.

Last Sunday, a meeting was held at Barry Island Sports and Social Club into the problem of access from the town to the Island.

Organiser Ian Bailey told The GEM: "There was a very good turnout – over 200 people.

"We've decided to form a protest action group.

"People feel very strongly about the issue and there will be protests."

The Vale Council has said that it is in discussions with the Welsh Government and the Waterfront Consortium, trying to broker an agreement which will see a road constructed as a priority.

The controversy has been muddied by a disagreeement between the Vale Council and developers as to whether a loan has been offered to the consortium to help finance the road.

Mr Bailey said Island residents fear a new road could still be many years away.

Local MP Alun Cairns attended the meeting, and said afterwards: "I simply cannot understand why the council are prepared to see the delay of the road.

"After all, it won't cost them a penny. Its construction is a condition of the development of 'The Quays' area."

Coun Richard Bertin told The GEM: "We really must get to the bottom of this. Has a loan been offered to the developer or not?

"I'd call on the Welsh Government and Vale Council to do all they can to make sure the road is built as soon as possible."

Knitters unite!

Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, and Nora Howarth.

TO mark Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan's 40th anniversary, a knitting project – 'Show you care, knit a square' – is under way.

Members of the public were invited to create a six- inch square all about themselves, which has now become part of a commemorative blanket!

The John Lewis Cardiff Store again played host for the project. Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, and Nora Howarth were judges.

Sarah Rochira, said: "It has been a real privilege to be involved with Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale's knitting project. The entries showed such imagination and creativity, with each square telling a story of its own.

"I'm pleased that the blanket will be displayed around Cardiff for everyone to enjoy, and I especially look forward to showcasing the blanket at a number of my events".

A special mention goes to Karen Lowe from Age Concern who came up with the idea of the wall hanging to celebrate the anniversary.

JUNE CONCERT

BARRY Male Voice Choir is breaking with tradition – its annual concert is to be held in June, rather than October.

Choir Secretary Richard King explained: "It's a carefully considered decision. We feel that the new earlier date will allow the choir to embark on its new Christmas repertoire earlier than in the past and provide a more varied and well rehearsed programme. We are delighted to welcome two local talented soloists Jodi Bird and Tim Reynolds as our concert guests."

The concert will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church Wyndham Street, Barry on Friday, June 14 at 7pm. Tickets £6 are available from choristers, at the door, or tel 01446 402398.

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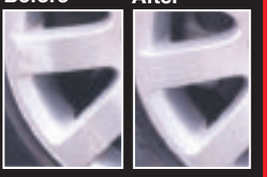

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GEM sport

Glory for the Stags as they show good form

On a beautiful summers day, Barry Athletic took the low highway to Newport to play the Fugitives.

Skipper Gee won the toss and put the home side in. Opener Adams showed his intent with some risky but effective shots, as Jones and Hellyar struggled initially with the left/right combination.

Jones got the early breakthrough when 22 was on the board, but Adams continued to find the boundary and was dropped on 18, one of five missed catches overall.

Nathan Baker smartly ran out Pryce with a direct hit for the second wicket, the score 69-2. Adams continued along his merry way reaching 50 off 70 balls, while Bridges, who was dropped three times during his 16, was finally caught by Provis off Gee and Usswald atoned for an earlier drop, snaffling a catch off Gee in the slips to leave Newport 129-4 off 33 overs.

Adams eventually fell for 85 when clean bowled by Ellis, who also removed the dangerous Emmett for 32, as the Stags battled back hard to restrict Newport to 202-8, with Usswald claiming 2-24 off 8 tight overs.

Chasing 203 for victory and with chief destroyer Rhett Jones absent preparing for his big day, someone had to step up to the plate - and how. Gavin White was out of the blocks in a flash, sending the bowling to all parts of the ground.

Rattling along at 6 an over, Barry were dealt a blow when opener Morgan, sprinted for a single and popped his groin when on 14 and had to retire hurt, with the score on 60.

Baker joined White at the crease and treated the watching spectators to a batting master class. The Newport bowlers simply had no answer as White and Baker stroked the ball around the park.

White reached his 50 off 44 balls and Baker followed suit off 52 balls. The score was 188-0 and with fifteen required and White on 88, a message was sent out to give White the opportunity to reach his century.

Unfortunately he was adjudged LBW for 88, including 17 fours off 92 balls. It was left to Baker and Provis to complete the comprehensive victory in the 33rd over with Baker reaching 82 not out off 77 balls, including 12 fours and two sixes.

Newport Fugitives 202-8: Adams 85, R.Emmett 32. Usswald 2-24, Gee 2-31, Ellis 2-42; Barry Athletic 203-1: White 88, N. Baker 82 n.o. Morgan 14 ret.hurt

Rhett Jones bowled his own "maiden over" on Sunday when he and his partner Sam got married at the picturesque Fonmon Castle. The whole of Barry Athletic wish them every success together.

AB

IMPS BAG TITLE SUCCESS

CADOXTON IMPS under-14s won their league by five points, scoring 102 goals and conceding only 13.

Their record was: played 22, won 19, drawn one, lost two.

On the sound footing of a rock solid defence, they were a constant threat, scoring goals at regular times with each and every member of the team contributing and receiving man of the match at some stage through the season.

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Porthkerry Panthers under-15s.

PORTHKERRY Panthers under-15 football side secured an amazing double, emulating the under-12s' achievement by winning the under-16s Vale of Glamorgan football league.

The Panthers won the league by a single point over Barry Town, although only three points separated the top five spots.

This achievement was made more remarkable as they were a year younger than their opponents, a feat that has previously not been achieved.

The Panthers took a little time to get used to the physicality of this league but continued to play their passing game and continued to cause surprises as the season progressed by matching their older opponents in all departments.

The Panthers went on an amazing seven match winning run at the end of the season to just edge out their rivals and achieve what no-one could ever have predicted in lifting the league title.

The Panthers' goalkeepers, Jordan Payne and Ben Dwyer, had amazing seasons, with Jordan making two great saves in a close 1-0 victory over Penarth and Ben ensuring three points against Cogan B with a one on one save.

Full back James Jones made a fine clearance off the line in the same match against Penarth, while Thomas Jones scored the winner with a left foot volley which proved so vital at the end of the season.

Centre back Kieran Allen came into his own during the second half of the season, sweeping behind James Scott who continually won everything in the air with his never say die attitude.

The Panthers had a very strong midfield with Cameron Gibbon outstanding in attack; Harry Lambert in the engine room, was always running for two, and Frazer James was the flair which changed the season with his goal against Llantwit.

Ross Adams scored the team goal of the season with the decisive goal against Cogan B, while a welcome return to form from Lloyd James changed the game against Cogan A with his pace and power.

Ben Davies showed his quality throughout the season with his quick feet and vision while 'Mr Versatility' (and old man) Luke Purnell played almost every position.

Tom Lucas was a great addition to the squad with vital goals against Barry Town early season ensuring a great come back to draw after being behind 4-1.

Mike Margetts provided support throughout the season and special thanks go to Carter Brown, Ben Morgan-Brownhill and Scott Griffiths for their support during the year.

Finally, the Panthers' top scorer and captain fantastic Kieren Miller came up with match-winning goals on a regular basis during the season.

He lifted the league trophy to celebrate with parents and players.

Managers Rob Jones and Tony Scott could not be more proud of this quality squad and wish them all the best for the next season and thank both Anthony and Barry Hopkins for their help with training during the year.

Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale, May 14 - session one of the club championship pairs:

1st Denis Mottram & Noelle Bond 61.05%; 2nd Mark Roderick & Mike Best 60.3%; 3rd Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 60.14% - Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas won on handicap.

May 21 - session two of the club championship pairs:

1st Peter Millar & Kay Dyer 59.17%; 2nd Noelle Bond & Denis Mottram 57.92%; 3rd Alan Jones & Lyn Matthews 57.5% - Alan & Lyn won on handicap.

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MB

The winners of the birthday teams with the Alan Garland Trophy, Dave Thomas and Dave Reed, standing behind Tom Kendrick and Bryn Gough.

Mixed week for team

RHOOSE Bowling Club teams have enjoyed mixed fortunes lately.

The ladies team secured a win by the narrowest margin of 1/4 of a shot in their afternoon league match with Millwood.

Both clubs were forced to play short hence the fraction of a shot. Jo Hopkins rink won by 13 1/2 shots to 8 1/4, Brenda Langford's rink lost by 9 3/4 shots to 15 3/4 shots, but Sue Dance's rink won by 19 shots to 18. This secured the overall win for Rhoose.

On Thursday, May 23, Rhoose ladies travelled to Cowbridge for their league match. Two rinks failed to come to terms with the Cowbridge green but the third rink skipped by Rita Craig won by 15 3/4 shots to 12. Cowbridge won the match by 81 shots to 35 3/4 shots.

On Wednesday the men's team played Romilly at home in their Munro Cup match. Rhoose won on three rinks and drew on the fourth, winning the match by 93 shots to 73 shots.

This rare win by Rhoose over their close neighbours was celebrated by the players. Hopefully this will lead to further victories.

Millwood bowling Cup round-up

MILLWOOD bowlers played Cowbridge in the Carruthers Shield on May 18 away from home and lost 106 - 69.

A rather disappointing result in this the last of the Carruthers shield games for the visitors, Millwood having won only one game out of the three played.

Millwood A team faced Barry Romilly at home in the SVL on the same day and lost 95 - 65.

Millwood were then in Munro Cup action against Llantwit Major on May 22 at home, and went down 88-44.

Millwood faced Llantwit Major at home in a friendly on May 25, which saw them emerge 97-60 winners.

A definite winning result for Millwood, although this was only a friendly, which must be a sign of better results to come in the future! On the same day, Millwood A faced Llantwit Major away in the SVL and lost 109 - 61.

A resounding home win for Llantwit Major by a total of 48 shots and it's back to the drawing board for Millwood!